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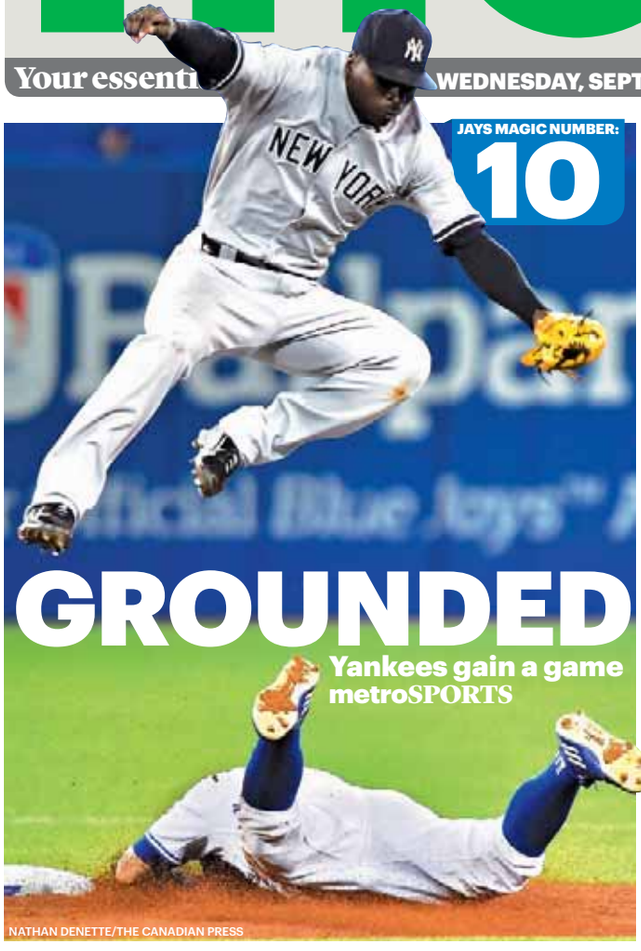

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Students living in the lack of luxury

HOUSING

Many cry foul over housing they say isn't as advertised

Steven Goetz
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STEVEN GOETZ/METRO

Students expecting to move in to "state-of-the-art accommodations" with "luxurious amenities" have instead been greeted with clogged toilets, crumbling ceilings and apartments that look like they were slapped together from junk building materials.

"Cheap," "poor," "unacceptable" and a demonstration of "false advertising" is how Rebecca Dixon, a third-year pharmacology student at the University of Toronto, describes workmanship on her 16th-floor suite at Carlton and Jarvis streets.

Dixon is one of hundreds of students who arrived to start classes last month and was unable to move into the unit they'd leased at Parkside Student Residence. Knightstone Capital Management, the developer of the apartment tower, wasn't finished with construction and hadn't been given the city's all-clear.

Now that students have started moving in, many say the conditions are nowhere near what they were promised. Coun. Kristyn Wong Tam told Metro the city's hands are tied when it comes to holding the developer — who declined to comment for this story — accountable for anything beyond building code requirements.

While some lower floors are finished and look like the chic renderings on Parkside's website, rooms on the upper floors feature peeling wallpaper from the building's previous owner covered by a primer coat of paint and walls that look like they were put together with one thing in mind: Get it done fast.

For the first four days after Dixon moved in, her sink was clogged with what looked like paint or drywall compound. "It looks like I could have put this up myself," she said, pointing at a haphazardly assembled interior wall built from what looks like scrap building materials.

When Dixon's intended roommate saw their apartment, she left and never came back. But Dixon doesn't consider that an option.

"I don't have the time or the mental energy to be searching for a sublet halfway through September."

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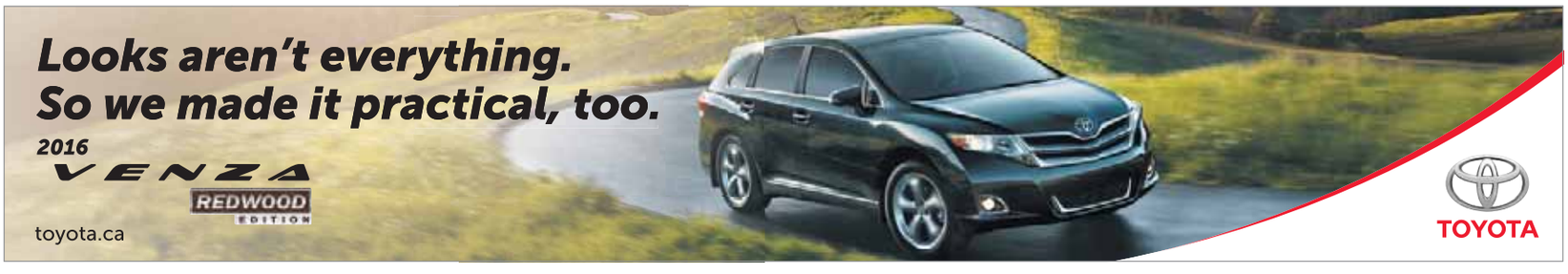

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Potential new GO stops presented to Metrolinx

COMMUTING

More stations could help ease TTC congestion

Jessica Smith Cross
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The GO Train could start to stop in more places.

New maps presented to the Metrolinx board on Tuesday show the potential of future GO network, with more stops within Toronto that provide transit users an alternative to the crowded TTC.

The report prepared by the regional transit agency includes shortlist of 50 potential GO stations, half of them within Toronto. According to the report, new urban stops could encourage people to choose to take the GO train for some local trips, over already-congested city transit options.

Spokeswoman Anne-Marie Aitkens said the list of potential stations was narrowed down from 120 to 50 and not all will be built, but at this point, Metrolinx doesn't have a ballpark figure for many will be.

"It will be less than 50, that's for sure," she said.

One of the reasons Metrolinx can't add all of them is if there are too many stops, the service is slower, because the trains are stopping too frequently, she said.

The new stations are part of the transformation of the entire GO network, over the next decade, to 15-minute, electrified service—dubbed RER, for regional express rail. The electrification means that GO stations will be able to be closer together than they are now because the new trains can stop and start much quicker, which opens up many new potential locations for stations in crowded areas like Toronto.

John Tory's SmartTrack plan is part of the Metrolinx's RER plan. The SmartTrack stops Tory proposed on the GO existing network made the shortlist, said Aitkens.

Above and right: maps show some of the 50 options put before the board. CONTRIBUTED

TRANSPORTATION

Regional fare integration a long way off, transit officials say

It could be a decade before the region's 11 transit agencies have a single integrated fare system even though the TTC will be fully accessible by the provincial Presto fare card at the end of next year.

But Metrolinx officials say they expect some aspects of a unified fare system to roll out much sooner.

Putting Presto on the TTC — scheduled for the end of 2016 — was a key building block for a unified regional fare system, Metrolinx CEO Bruce McCuaig told reporters following the agency's board meeting on Tuesday.

While fare integration is meant to correspond with the 10-year timeframe of GO's electrified regional express rail expansion, some decisions will have to be made sooner. For example, transit officials will have to decide how York Region buses and GO integrate with the TTC when the Spadina subway extension begins running to York University in 2017.

"The total package will take an extended period but we will come to clear directions and conclusions over the next six- to 18-month period," said Metrolinx chairman Robert Prichard.

Metrolinx says it will make some fare recommendations in the spring. While Tuesday's board report stopped short of specifics, some themes are already emerging.

The provincial agency is proposing that "distance-based fares" be considered for all modes of public transit, except buses. It is also suggesting that a regional fare system take into account the length of a trip and the type of transit being used.

Metrolinx will be further studying "zone-based" and "hybrid" fare systems that combine zoned, timed or flat-fare approaches.

Rather than paying different fares to different transit agencies in the region, passengers would pay one fare per trip under an integrated regime.

Geoff Marinoff, transit director for MiWay, argued that people currently paying double fares as they take transit across municipal borders "are obviously getting punished."

"When I look at our border, when they cross over to the TTC, they're probably not going to Scarborough," Marinoff said. "They're probably travelling a short distance within the TTC, but they have to pay a full fare."

> **We will come to clear directions and conclusions over the next six- to 18-month period.**
> Robert Prichard, Metrolinx chairman

The Presto system is the key to an integrated fare regime, according to a Metrolinx spokesperson, who argued that users aren't concerned with which transit agency they're riding—just that they arrive at their destination.

The impact of fare integration would be felt most by the TTC. Unlike GO transit, which uses distance-based fares, the TTC and most other systems in the region have flat fare systems. York Region is an exception. Its buses have a zoned price structure.

TTC Deputy CEO and chief customer officer Chris Upfold said there are unanswered financial questions about fare integration.

"You're on a TTC bus and you cross Steeles into York region. You immediately pay a double fare," Upfold said. "And TTC get a fare and York get a fare. If one of us no longer gets a fare, where does that money then come from?"

The impact of fare integration on the TTC hinges on that money, according to Upfold.

"I don't believe it's the TTC's responsibility to subsidize that," he said.

McCuaig said Metrolinx is coming at fare integration from a revenue neutral position. But it will test different scenarios.

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‘Like he was one of ours’

HACKATHON

Toronto clock-making event in support of Muslim teen

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Members of Toronto’s maker community will be building their own clocks Thursday to show support for Ahmed Mohamed, the Texas teen whose decision to bring a homemade clock to school landed him in handcuffs last week.

“When we saw the story of Ahmed in the news, it was like he was one ours. We knew we had to support him,” said Andy Forest, founder of SteamLabs and organizer of the “clock-making hackathon.”

The hackathon is free and gives participants the tools to build their own analog or digital clock. All 60 spots have already been reserved, but Forest said more will be made available.

“I’m hoping we get lots of wacky clocks and a diverse crowd of people. We’re also going to be tweeting lots of photos of all the clocks using the #IStandWithAhmed hashtag,” Forest said.

Ahmed Mohamed, 14, was arrested after a teacher mistook a homemade clock for a bomb. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forest believes the police racially profiled Mohamed, 14. He called the aspiring inventor a great role model for minorities and people of colour in the maker community.

“We recognize that a lot of makers are cisgendered white males, and if someone like that had made the clock, they probably wouldn’t have received the same response. That’s just not fair,” he said.

Forest added his voice to the chorus of people encouraging Mohamed, who’s Muslim, to visit Toronto.

Last week, Cmdr. Chris Hadfield invited the teenager to join him onstage at his Generator event in the city in October.

Hadfield’s son Evan told Metro that Mohamed has yet to respond to the invitation.

“I’d love it if he came to Toronto,” Forest said. “We’d love to have a workshop where he could talk to kids about being a maker and expressing your creativity in the face of adversity.”

SteamLabs is a Toronto maker space that caters to kids with all kinds of interests, including robots like the one being built here. COURTESY STEAMLABS

IF YOU GO

What: A clock-making hackathon
Where: Mozilla (366 Adelaide St. W., 5th floor)
When: Thursday, Sept. 24, 4 to 8:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Three teens sought in Toronto stabbings

Police are seeking three teens in a weekend stabbing in downtown Toronto.

Police say two girls and a boy went into a Yonge Street store Saturday afternoon and stole a number of items. They say two employees chased the fleeing teens and caught up with them when one of the girls allegedly stabbed both workers with a knife.

The girl with the knife is believed to be 15 years old and described as roughly five feet six inches tall and 155 pounds with a medium build. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oakville man charged with murder in mother’s death

A 39-year-old Oakville man has been charged in the killing of his mother, who was found dead in her home Monday night.

Police say the man called police around 8:30 p.m. His mother, Judith Wilson, 62, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ryan Porte is charged with second-degree murder and is set to appear in court Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/680NEWS

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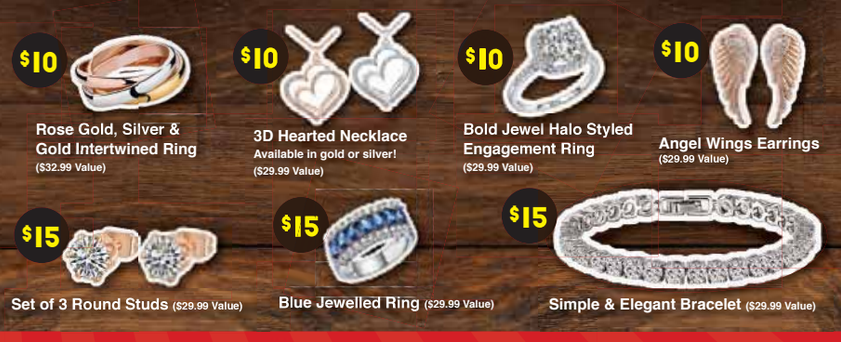

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SCARBOROUGH

Residents fighting city efforts to add sidewalks to community

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A debate about adding a sidewalk to a sleepy street in Scarborough could have big consequences, pedestrian advocates say.

The city is planning to install a sidewalk along the west side of Midland Avenue between Romana and Fishleigh drives during upcoming water main repairs. But, not everyone in the neighbourhood is ready to welcome the addition — and caving to their calls that it not be built could set a bad precedent for creating walkable cities, said Walk Toronto's Michael Black.

"The city isn't talking about expropriating their property. The city is talking about using a small proportion of land that it already owns" for the project, he said. "If the residents succeed in blocking it, it means we'll have a hard time expanding other infrastructure for active transportation."

Black said sidewalks are badly needed in the area. The stretch of Midland in question is part of the city's waterfront trail and connects two parks along the Scarborough Bluffs. It's also used by children walking to nearby Cliffside Public School, where a five-year-old girl was hit and killed by a garbage truck in 2013.

A satellite image of Midland Avenue shows where properties end and the city-owned boulevard begins. COURTESY WALK TORONTO

> **"The residents are putting their own interests ahead of the interests of the greater city.**
> Michael Black

"Toronto Public Health has singled out Cliffside because it's got very poor pedestrian infrastructure," Black said. "Most of the streets don't have sidewalks."

Residents say the area is safe enough, and together with Ward 36 Coun. Gary Crawford, are fighting the project.

Linda Hodges is among those who's worried. There a variety of concerns, she said.

The sidewalk would be built on the city's right of way, which would reduce the size of people's front lawns. There are also concerns about drainage and sinkholes, she said.

"It's the city's land in terms of ownership, but we're the ones who have to live with it," she said.

BROADCASTING

CBC to sell all its property: Union

On the same day Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau pledged to reverse $115 million worth of cuts to the CBC, the union representing its employees claimed the national broadcaster had unveiled a plan to sell off all its buildings.

The Canadian Media Guild, a union representing CBC employees, said the broadcaster announced at a staff town hall Tuesday that it will be "selling all its property across the country, including major production facilities in Montreal and Toronto."

But Alexandra Fortier, manager of media relations at CBC, denied the claim, instead emphasizing the broadcaster is sticking to the plan it announced last year to sell 50 per cent of its property.

Ian Morrison, spokesman for Friends of Canadian Broadcasting, had not yet heard about the announcement when reached Tuesday evening.

"It's news to me," he said, adding the broadcaster's decision to sell real-estate assets was akin to "burning the furniture to heat the home."

Not only will this saddle the CBC with the need to pay rent forever, Morrison added, but the timing couldn't be worse.

"This is a period of time when a government only makes caretaker decisions," Morrison said. "It is widely understood during a general election you don't do controversial things."

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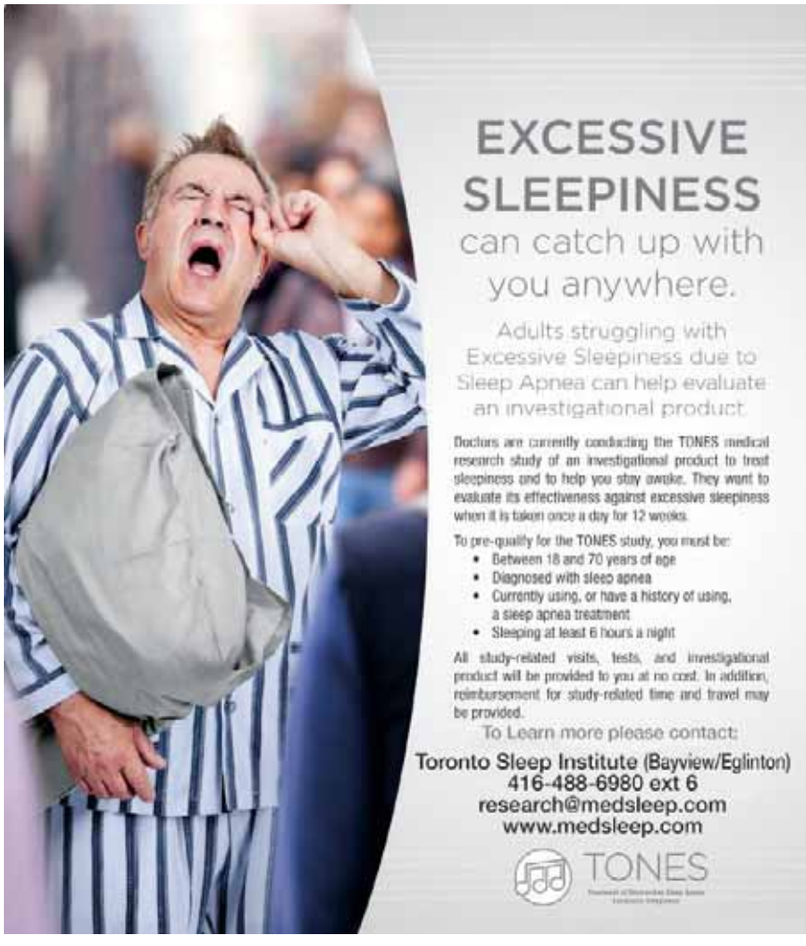
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TDSB

Elementary school to sponsor refugees

If there are lessons to be learned from the Syrian refugee crisis about politics and war and human kindness, students at Toronto's Dewson Street Junior Public School are getting a crash course.

Their Grade 6 social studies teachers are rewriting lesson plans each day to focus on how Canada and the world are treating refugees.

A galvanized parent body has made Dewson the first school in the Toronto District School Board to decide to sponsor a refugee from Syria — from tackling the paperwork and helping to raise the $30,000 required. Dewson has challenged 1,000 more schools across Canada to do the same.

On Tuesday the TDSB used Dewson as the place to launch a board-wide fundraising drive to support the Canadian Red Cross's work with refugees overseas.

"We're all learning about how we can help Syrian refugees, because a lot of their families are distressed that they have to leave to survive," explained 11-year-old Jessica Ann Parra Galindo, whose class is learning about the role of civic rights and responsibilities.

"Helping people makes you feel good about yourself."

Although Canada's most diverse school board does not track students' status, some 192 students were born in Syria, 412 in Iraq and 999 in Afghanistan.

"The reality is we have many refugee families, and this is a terrific opportunity for kids to learn about the situation some of their classmates have come from," said TDSB chairwoman Robin Pilkey Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Five new options for the Gardiner Expressway

Public-works committee members welcomed five new proposals on the Gardiner on Tuesday.

Staff offered an option like the one approved by council but with a realigned eastbound off-ramp; a second that pushes the expressway north to free up more land; and a third that frees up even more land by widening the Don River rail bridge to enable tighter turns onto the DVP.

Councillors also seemed intrigued by former chief planner Paul Bedford's proposal to elevate the highway with a grass-covered berm or overpass. Officials said staff will also take a close look at a proposal to reroute the Gardiner to a deck over the railway corridor. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Coalition: sex-ed lessons on 'solid, honest ground'

SCHOOLS

Diverse groups, including many faithful, join to support change

Rabea Murtaza, head of Muslims for Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum, hopes to challenge the popular narrative that Muslims are united against the updated health lessons. COLE BURSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Organizations representing Muslim parents and recent immigrants have joined a new, diverse coalition of 144 groups that plans to fight the ongoing anti-sex-education boycotts and billboards with their own public-service announcements and open appeal to Ontarians.

"We have examined the new sex-ed curriculum and — as people who live and breathe the health and well-being of Ontario's diverse communities — we say that the curriculum stands on solid, honest ground," says the Ontario Coalition Supporting Health Education in an open letter.

Members of the new coalition will gather at Queen's Park on Wednesday to voice their support for the new curriculum and to release the letter and a video.

Opposition to the updated health curriculum has come from different faith and community groups — with thousands of families pulling their children out of school last spring for up to a week in protest.

But the epicentre of the controversy continues to be Toronto's Thorncliffe Park neighbourhood, where the local public school was half-empty on the first day and where 120 students remain out of school, most from Muslim families who consider the curriculum immoral and age-inappropriate.

Another provincewide school boycott is scheduled Oct. 1, and billboards are now springing up across the province warning that the curriculum threatens children.

"It seems like the opposition as it exists is not just Muslim, but that has captured the narrative. But on the ground, it is really diverse," says Toronto mom Rabea Murtaza, who founded the 682-member Muslims for Ontario's Health and Physical Education Curriculum, which has joined the coalition. However, she says, those who support the curriculum are just as diverse.

"I've heard from a lot of people. I'm part of a number of Muslim mom Facebook groups and … they care about education. The debate is really rich in these groups, and there are lots of voices that say, 'It's OK. We came here for education. Our kids need this.'"

The coalition comprises religious organizations, First Nations groups, hospitals, universities, parents and community health agencies.

Maya Roy, executive director of Newcomer Women's Services Toronto, said her agency got onside after some of its South Asian members worked on a project in which "aunties and grandmothers were trained to go out and run sharing circles in homes and mosques and temples" about domestic violence and "were shocked to find out that you can have sexual assault and rape within a marriage." They wanted to inform their own children and grandchildren about that, she said, as well as issues like inappropriate touching, which is covered in the new curriculum.

> **The entire conversation has been hijacked.**
> Maya Roy

"We feel a small minority is getting a lot of attention," said Roy.

The curriculum itself is "benign," she argues. Faith-based criticisms "don't hold water," said Roy, who is Hindu. Critics say the curriculum violates family values, "but it actually supports family values and encourages kids to talk to an elder or go to a mosque or temple" for guidance.

"In our religion, we acknowledge that people have both female and male elements; our gods and goddesses have male and female elements," she added, addressing critics who oppose children being taught about different sexual orientations or gender identities.

Doug Kerr, father to a five-year-old son, was surprised by the animosity toward the new curriculum and he began what is now a 10,000-member Facebook group in support of it.

"A lot of the fears around this are around misinformation and around gender and gender issues. There's a lot of homophobia and transphobia happening as well. It's a concern to me as a parent of a same-sex family. I believe the curriculum is absolutely critical; it brings what kids learn in line with modern families today."

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COMMUNITY HOUSING

Retrofits to boost energy efficiency

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The climate-change fight is coming to community housing.

The Toronto Atmospheric Fund has teamed up with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for a $4.2-million project that will perform energy-efficient retrofits on old buildings.

Dubbed TowerWise Retrofit, the project will start with seven buildings, all of which are at least 45 years old. The upgrades will include double-glazed windows, high-efficiency refrigerators and boilers and low-flow faucets.

"Buildings use a lot of energy but they also waste a lot of energy," said Julia Langer, CEO of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

The proposed retrofits are projected to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 30 per cent, while utility costs will be reduced by 20 per cent.

IN BRIEF

High speed blamed in fatal rollover on Highway 401

The OPP believe excessive speed was a factor in a crash on Highway 401 that killed Alizeb Mirza, 27, of Mississauga.

The OPP says that just before midnight, a driver lost control near Dixie Road. The vehicle rolled, and the unbuckled driver was ejected. Witnesses told police the vehicle was possibly in a race before the crash.

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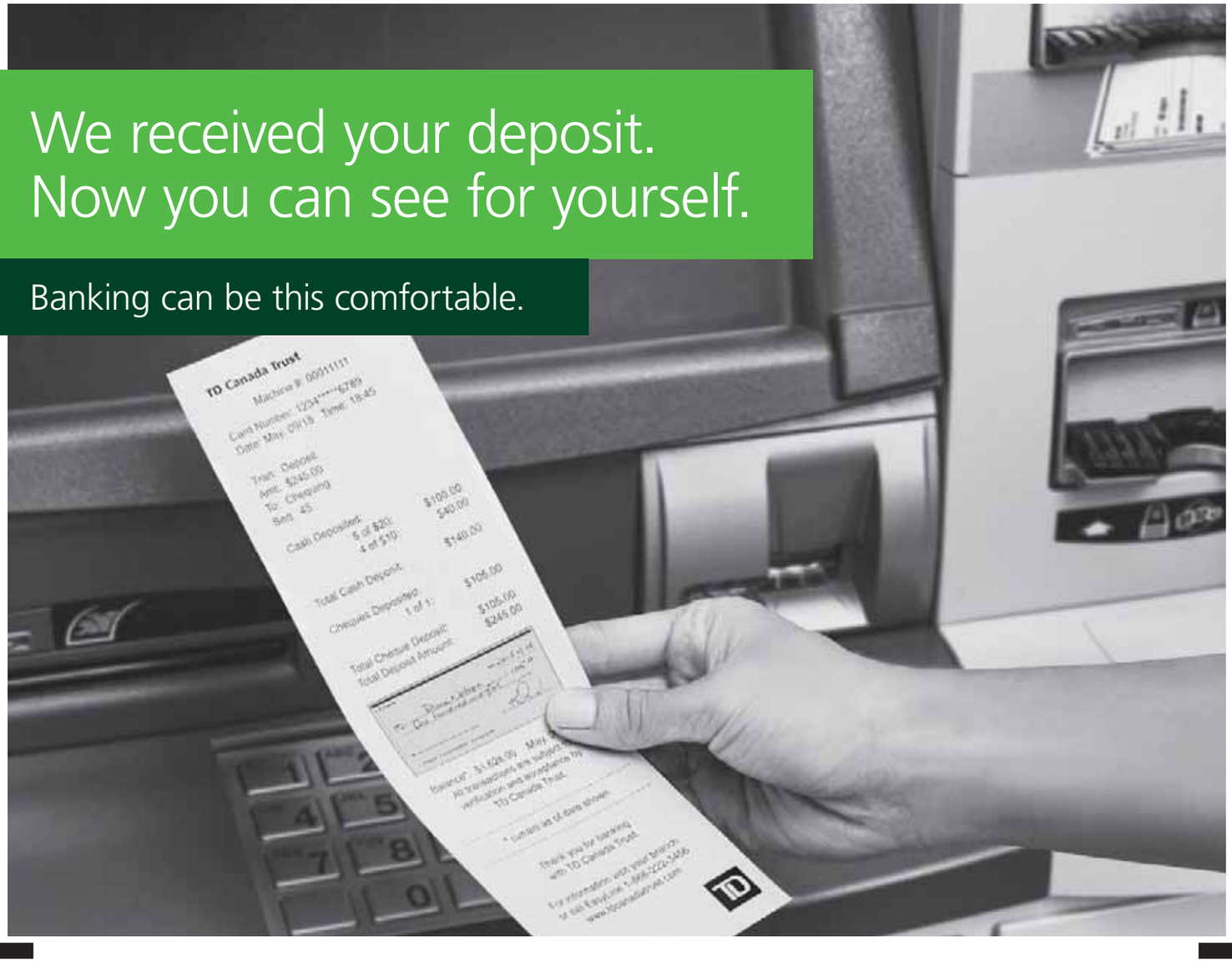

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‘There isn’t even a working toilet’

STUDENTS

Tenant gripes deemed civil matter: City councillor

Steven Goetz
Metro | Toronto

City officials say there is nothing they can do for students and parents who feel duped by the developer of a private student residence at Carlton and Jarvis streets.

There is nothing written into city regulations that hold companies accountable for what many are calling substandard construction.

“The City of Toronto and Toronto Building don’t have the capacity to inspect buildings for promised finishes beyond the minimum safety requirements of the building code,” Ward 27 Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam told Metro. “If the developer has not delivered finishes to the satisfaction of the tenants, that is a private — meaning civil — matter and not something the city has any regulatory framework over.”

Advertised as “top-quality” and “state-of-the-art” living for students attending downtown campuses, Parkside Student Residence was deemed unfit for occupancy when city inspectors first visited at the end of August. The city ordered Knightstone Capital Management, the developer, to meet safety requirements before permits could be issued, Wong-Tam said.

In the meantime, the company housed post-secondary students — many of them away from home for the first time — for more than a week in hotels as far away as Mississauga, with shuttles running back and forth to downtown.

City inspectors gave Knightstone, which declined comment when contacted by Metro, the go-ahead for people to move onto some floors after further inspections, Wong-Tam said.

Students who are now living in the units, which cost between $990 and $1,985 a month plus a mandatory $440 meal plan, say the construction delays appear to have involved anything but minor details.

The cafeteria didn’t serve its first meal until Tuesday night, according to an email from the building’s property management firm. Plus, many of the common rooms still have loose light fixtures and are littered with dust and garbage left by workers.

Rooms on the upper floors look like they were rushed, with features left over from the old Primrose Hotel, the building’s former occupant, including bathroom fixtures and hardware, old heaters and air-conditioning units, some of which students say don’t work.

“It looks like they just went in and painted the old walls with a skim coat,” said Allen Strawbridge, whose 18-year-old daughter moved into a shared room on the 14th floor last week. “The walls look like they are built out of pieces of table and the doors like they were found at an old construction site.”

His daughter has been forced to use one of her neighbours’ bathrooms because her toilet doesn’t work, Strawbridge said.

Like others, Strawbridge said he’s called the building’s management more than a dozen times without a response: “They screen the calls and no one ever gets back to me.”

“Everything is all glamorous and looks good in the promotional material and then she moves in and there isn’t even a working toilet,” Strawbridge said.

Many who’ve signed leases at Parkside say they want refunds for September’s rent. Others want a discount for rooms they say haven’t been renovated properly.

“I can only encourage everyone to find a resolution and to find an agreement that those deficiencies will be rectified as soon as possible,” Wong-Tam said.

What they were promised, and what they got. This image, left, was used in online marketing material for Parkside Student Residence. Right, what students found when they moved in. CONTRIBUTED/STEVEN GOETZ, FOR METRO

> **They told us, ‘We know it’s stressful living in a hotel, but you will absolutely love what we are preparing for you!’ Well I am here, and I don’t absolutely love it.**
> Rebecca Dixon, student

> **The walls look like they are built out of old pieces of table and the doors look like they were found at an old construction site.**
> Allen Strawbridge

Rebecca Dixon is among the students who say her apartment doesn’t meet the standard she was promised. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Metro took a tour of Rebecca Dixon’s 16th-floor apartment. This is some of what we saw.
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CITY HALL

Garbage privatization debate delayed

Mayor John Tory's administration has upset people on both sides of the garbage privatization debate by postponing a council decision, likely until 2017.

Facing unwelcome advice against contracting out garbage collection east of Yonge Street, public works chair Coun. Jaye Robinson and allies on public works voted Tuesday to delay the debate until the final months of 2016.

That makes it unlikely a committee recommendation will go to full council before 2017.

Robinson said she was acting on advice from senior city staff "to defer all this" until after contract negotiations with CUPE Local 416 that represents solid waste workers east of Yonge, where city staff still do pickup.

Negotiations are about to start, she said. Their contract expires Dec. 31.

"This keeps the issue alive," Robinson said after the vote.

The postponement comes a week after release of a staff report on the issue that was heavily criticized by Robinson, Tory and other members of the mayor's administration.

Staff concluded privatization may cost more in at least one east-end district, despite trumpeted savings from west-end outsourcing. Also, east-end collection productivity has improved in recent years, lowering potential cost savings. Council should leave the status quo, senior managers argued.

A Tory spokeswoman said Tuesday that the mayor supported Robinson's deferral motion.

Sources say Tory allies were hoping to privatize collection in at least part of east Toronto.

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Grab 'em at the grocery store — the plans for beer sales can now be revealed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Deal settles store suds

RETAIL

Supermarkets will begin selling beer later this fall

Consumers, craft brewers, grocers and owners of small bars and restaurants will finally quench their thirst for change under a new deal between Queen's Park and the Beer Store.

The 10-year accord clears the way for six-packs to be sold at 450 of Ontario's 1,500 supermarkets starting later this fall at the same cost as in LCBO outlets and Beer Stores.

Beer prices in Ontario will continue — on average — to be among the lowest in Canada.

"Nobody thought you could get this agreement with the beer guys," said a senior government official, referring to the foreign parent companies of Labatt, Molson, and Sleeman, which own the Beer Store and have enjoyed a virtual monopoly since Prohibition ended in 1927.

"For the small brewers, we are increasing their shelf space," the insider said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the arrangement will not be made public until Wednesday.

Indeed, 20 per cent of beer shelving in supermarkets, the LCBO, and Beer Stores will be reserved for independent brewers from anywhere in the world that make fewer than 4.6 million six-packs a year.

Under the new accord, 9,000 bars and restaurants, which serve fewer than 250 cases a year, will no longer be forced to buy from the Beer Store at a premium of $8 more per 24-case than ordinary consumers pay.

"They can go across the street and buy their beer for the same price as everybody else," the source said Tuesday.

That should level the playing field with larger bars and restaurants, which often receive better deals from the Beer Store thanks to free glassware, patio umbrellas, and other promotional material.

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STATS PACK

- Beer will be sold in 450 supermarkets as well as 448 Beer Stores, 651 LCBO outlets, and 210 rural LCBO agency stores.
- Supermarkets can each sell the equivalent of 279 six-packs per day. If they exceed their quota they will pay a penalty worth one per cent of the cost of the beer to the LCBO, which will then compensate the Beer Store.
- The 100 Ontario craft brewers, which currently employ about 1,000 people, are expected to double or triple the size of the industry within a decade, meaning thousands of new jobs.

Sporting goods are not good on streets

BYLAW

Blitz warns residents about nets left on roadways

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Be warned, street ballers. The fun police are cracking down.

The city's bylaw enforcement office is preparing to dole out fines of up $90 to people who leave things like hockey nets and portable basketball hoops on or near streets.

There's been a rule against the roadside storage — something that happens in neighbourhoods right across the city — for a while. But, a recent complaint from someone unhappy about nets in the Avenue Road and Lawrence area sparked the enforcement blitz.

Anyone leaving a hockey net on the street could face a fine of $90. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

What's formally known as "forbidden public encroachments" — defined in a city bylaw as anything installed, planted or constructed within the public road allowance — include lock boxes, garbage bins, fuel tanks, statues, air conditioning units and many, many other things.

For the most part, the city doesn't go into neighbourhoods with the intent of enforcing the bylaw, said Jacqueline White, director of transportation services in North York. A blitz is generally the result of someone who's reported an issue, much like the case with other bylaws.

> **"This is just a notice of violation at this point.**
> Jacqueline White

"There's probably a lot out there that we have never enforced because we never received a complaint," White said.

No one in the North York neighbourhood that sparked the action has been fined at this point, and the city is urging everyone to do their part.

"This is just a notice of violation at this point, advising that it's illegal to have the nets placed on the public right of way," White said. "People should remove them right away."

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VOTER PROFILE

Name: Jerilynn Webster **Age:** 30 **Riding:** Vancouver East
Her issues: Missing/murdered women, environment, refugees, youth in care, reconciliation with First Nations

Spitting fire in search of 'true reconciliation'

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Vancouver

Jerilynn Webster is, in her own words, killing this interview.

"I'm on fire!" she says, dancing in her seat at a Vancouver café. "Comin' correct, Ashley Callingbull-styles. I'm charged up. Hashtag Drake-styles. I'm Drake. Conservatives, you're Meek Mill."

The 30-year-old rapper — who goes by JB the First Lady — is listing her top five election issues, punctuating each point by looking me dead in the eyes, holding my gaze for a beat of silence.

The list goes like this:

1. A missing and murdered Indigenous women's inquiry. "If it was any other race, there would be something done about it," she says. "The Conservatives said they don't feel like there needs to be any information, or inquiry. I want someone who's going to push for it."

2. Environmental policy. "Someone who's not into selling, ruining the land, or poisoning the waters. Someone who is for protection. Someone who is for sustainable energy." In the midst of global warming, this election, she says, "is for Mother Earth."

3. Welcoming refugees. "No humans should be 'illegal,'" she says, and mentions Alan Kurdi, the boy found on the shores of Turkey. "We're responsible for deaths like that, especially if we live in a place where there's abundance. We need to make sure that's accessible for children."

4. Youth in care. Over half of all kids in provincial care in B.C. are indigenous. Webster wants that to change. She compares the situation to the residential school system, and wants more support for children transitioning out of government care, too. "We need to take care of our children."

5. Reconciliation with indigenous Canadians. This is an overarching issue, she says. "True reconciliation — there would be justice for all categories."

I tell her it's clear she's thought a lot about what she wants. "Girl, someone pay for my campaign!" she says.

Webster, who is part of the group Enter Tribal, released her first album in 2008. She says hip hop is a modern evolution of her people's oral-history tradition. Storytelling is a responsibility.

"And I don't take it lightly."

Her voice is her politics, and her politics — she's at pains to note — are her own, not a token representation of other indigenous people, some of who don't believe in voting. She sees voting as resistance: "My grandmother was not allowed to vote. My grandfather was not allowed to vote. And now I can research, and I can ask questions. Push back. Push forward.

"The reason we have missing and murdered aboriginal women, environmental problems, is because the genocide is still happening."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow she's in Calgary.

Not just jobs — quality jobs

ECONOMY

Young people struggling to find meaningful well-paid work

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

It's a situation familiar to many young Canadians: graduate from university or college with a mountain of debt, find low-paying, precarious employment, and be squeezed when it's time to buy a house or start a family.

Today's 25-to-34-year-old earns thousands of dollars less for full-time work today than in 1976, and skyrocketing housing prices disproportionately favour older Canadians.

Governments aren't helping. Federal and provincial governments combine to spend over $33,000 per person over 65, but spend less than $12,000 per person under 45, according to the calculations of Paul Kershaw, a professor at the University of British Columbia and founder of Generation Squeeze, a national non-profit building a lobby group for younger Canadians.

"It might be OK to have that big gap if young Canadians were doing wonderfully in the marketplace, but we're not," Kershaw says. "Things have gotten much worse for us compared to a few decades ago."

For many, the cycle starts with post-secondary education. Canadians are graduating with record levels of debt: national average tuition fees have increased more than 155 per cent, adjusted for inflation, from 1990 to 2014, according to the Canadian Federation of Students.

Rebecca Blakey, 26, an Ottawa native who now lives in Edmonton, has an undergraduate and master's degree in English. She worked jobs in the manufacturing and non-profit sectors before her current job as an administrator at the University of Alberta.

She has a student line of credit that she's been paying off for four years, and will be for another three. And she's tired of the rhetoric

> **I take to heart this notion that desperate people make ideal workers and distracted citizens.**
> Rebecca Blakey, 26

"A lot of people, especially people in older generations, are like: 'What it takes is for you to just get a good job,'" she says.

"It's all fine and well to say everybody needs jobs, but what are the conditions that lead to those people being desperate and needing those jobs?"

Indeed, the youth unemployment rate has been above 13 per cent since before the 2008 recession, about twice the national average. But the underemployment rate — those in precarious, part-time work or lower-paying jobs not in their field, makes up another 29 per cent.

So what would the federal political parties do about it? In the past month, the two main opposition parties have released plans to address youth unemployment.

The NDP pledges $200 million over four years to help create more than 40,000 jobs, paid internships and co-op placements for youth, as well as to crack down on unpaid internships. The Liberals promise $1.3 billion over three years, including $300 million annually for a youth employment strategy.

Kaylie Tiessen, an economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said those proposals are "great, but they're just a step in the right direction."

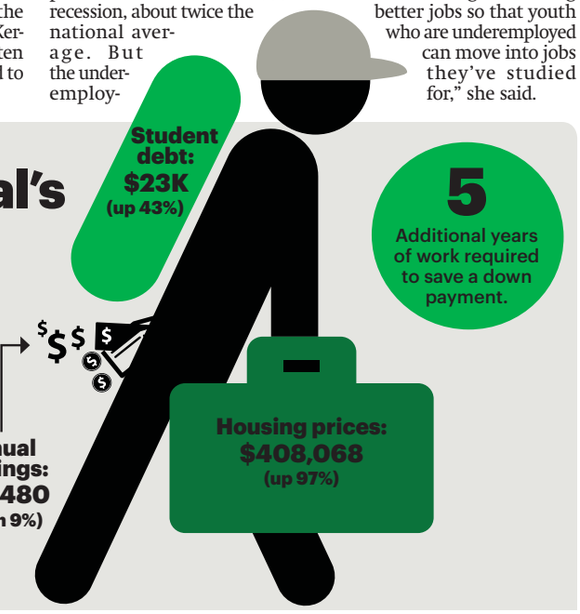
She points out that the co-op placements and internships promised in the platforms would be entry-level, resumé-padding positions of little use to many underemployed young people, whose resumés are already great. The problem, she says, lies in helping young workers move past low-level jobs into quality, full-time work.

"I'd really like to see a bigger-picture plan here, where we're looking at creating youth jobs, but also looking at building better jobs so that youth who are underemployed can move into jobs they've studied for," she said.

BY THE NUMBERS

Millennial's burden

Research by the lobby group Generation Squeeze compares what 25-34-year-olds face today vs. in 1976. (All figures averages)


Student debt: $23K (up 43%)
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Additional years of work required to save a down payment.
Annual earnings: $42,480 (down 9%)
Housing prices: $408,068 (up 97%)

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to supporters while campaigning Tuesday in Winnipeg. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Harper defends Fox funding offer

ELECTION 2015

Foundation requested contributions, Harper says

Stephen Harper defended his party Tuesday against accusations of politicizing Canadian icon Terry Fox, saying the foundation in the Marathon of Hope runner's name put forward the very ideas on cancer research funding the Conservatives announced over the weekend.

The Conservatives promised that if re-elected, they would match all donations raised during this year's Terry Fox Run, fund a cancer prevention centre in Vancouver and renew existing funding for a national treatment and prevention centre.

"In August of this year we received a request from the Terry Fox Institute and the Terry Fox Foundation for the kinds of contributions and matching funds we're setting up," Harper said.

"We fulfilled that request; I think it's a great policy."

The Conservative announcement came in for criticism after Conservative MP James Moore described the Fox family as enthusiastically welcoming the program, which the family itself said they never did.

In an Aug. 31 letter to Harper, however, both organizations do make a pitch for greater financial support of cancer research.

The letter makes a specific demand — that the federal government help them expand their pilot project connecting high-performing cancer research hospitals to help them share data.

The letter, circulated Tuesday by the Conservatives, makes no mention of the matching funds commitment nor the prevention centre in Vancouver.

The Conservative party has acknowledged they might be causing some tension.

"It was mistakenly indicated that the funding requested and welcomed by the Terry Fox Research Foundation was done so on behalf of the family," the party said in a statement.

"We regret any confusion this may have caused."

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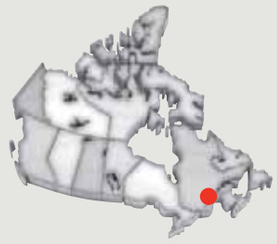
WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY



- **Stephen Harper** has no events scheduled.
- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Montreal.
- **Tom Mulcair** will also be in Montreal.
- **Elizabeth May** has no events scheduled.

CRIME

City on alert as suspect sought

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Downtown Ottawa was on heightened alert for part of the day Tuesday as police acted on information that an armed man was headed to the capital region after three women were killed about two hours west of the city.

Security on Parliament Hill was visibly beefed up as a larger contingent of RCMP officers carrying automatic weapons patrolled the front lawn under the Peace Tower.

A few blocks away, several unmarked and marked Ottawa police cruisers surrounded the entrance of Langevin Morris Smith LLP, a law firm located at 190 O'Connor St., which, according to a source, was in lockdown.

It was not clear why the office was taking the precaution or what relation it has to the suspect, if any.

At around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Ottawa police arrested a 57-year-old suspect in Kinburn, Ont., just west of Ottawa.

The OPP later revealed the shooter was wanted in connection with the homicides of three women, whose bodies were discovered in Wilno, Foymont and Kinburn Tuesday morning.

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PHILIPPINES

Canadians abducted from upscale resort

Gunmen abducted two Canadians, including a former mining company executive, a Filipino woman and the Norwegian marina manager at an upscale resort complex on a southern Philippine island, sparking an air and sea search by authorities, officials said on Tuesday.

At least 11 men armed with pistols and two rifles arrived on two motorboats and entered the Holiday Ocean View Samal Resort before midnight Monday on Samal Island off Davao City, military and police officials said, citing witnesses and a security video that captured part of the kidnapping.

The gunmen attempted to seize an American and his Japanese companion on one of the yachts docked at the marina, but the couple resisted and escaped by jumping off the boat.

Amid the commotion, Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and the Filipino woman, Teresita Flor, rushed out of their yacht and were taken. Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, who was the resort's marina manager, was seized when he approached to check what was happening.

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TVI PACIFIC

Ridsdel still a consultant

John Ridsdel is the former chief operating officer of mining firm TVI Resource Development Philippines, a subsidiary of Canada's TVI Pacific, where he is still a consultant, a company officer said.

INDONESIA

PETA wants monkey to own selfie rights

A macaque monkey who took now-famous selfie photographs should be declared the copyright owner of the photos, rather than the nature photographer who positioned the camera, animal-rights activists contend in a novel lawsuit.

The suit was filed Tuesday in San Francisco by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The photos were taken during a 2011 trip to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi by British nature photographer David Slater. Through San Francisco-based self-publishing company Blurb, he has published a book called Wildlife Personalities that includes the "monkey selfie" photos.

However, the photos have been widely distributed elsewhere by outlets, including Wikipedia, which contend that no one owns the copyright to the images because they were taken by an animal, not a person. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A selfie taken by a macaque monkey in Indonesia. DAVID SLATER-COURT EXHIBIT/PETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Top court sets date to hear appeal in Pistorius case

Oscar Pistorius' case will be heard by South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal on Nov. 3, when prosecutors will again press for a murder conviction against the double-amputee athlete. The court said the appeal against Pistorius' acquittal for murder for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp will be heard by a panel of five judges. Pistorius was found guilty of a lesser charge of manslaughter for shooting Steenkamp.

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Top two leaders of ETA caught in French Pyrenees

Spain's Interior Ministry says the two current leaders of the armed Basque separatist group ETA have been arrested in the Pyrenees mountains region of France near the border with Spain. The ministry says that David Pla and Iratxe Sorzabal were detained in a rural house in the town of Saint-Etienne-de-Baigorry, a few kilometres from Spain. They are wanted in both countries on terrorism charges.

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Croatian police officers hold back a man in Opatovac, Croatia, Tuesday, after scuffles broke out outside a new reception centre meant to register those seeking sanctuary in Europe. MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU deal on refugees strains group's ties

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The agreement

Four nations vote against relocation plan

At a contentious meeting, European Union ministers agreed Tuesday to relocate 120,000 refugees among the bloc to ease the strains on front-line nations like Greece and Italy, which are being overwhelmed by the migrant crisis.

But in a sign of deep-rooted divisions among the bloc's 28 nations, the ministers who often reach decisions by consensus had to put the plan to a vote. And even with Tuesday's hard-won agreement, the sheer numbers of migrants already in Europe this year — over 477,900 — shows the need for much greater action and wider vision down the road.

Milan Chovanec, the Czech Republic's interior minister, said four nations — the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary — all voted against the plan and Finland abstained.

The deal did not set mandatory quotas for each nation — one of the most controversial aspects of the proposed plan. But German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said the deal cut "secondary migration," in which those seeking asylum move from one country to another within Europe.

"If people are distributed in Europe, then they can't choose what country they go to. They have to stay in the country they were distributed to," he said.

"They can't choose what country they go to ..."

Thomas de Maiziere

Hours before the ministers talked in Brussels, migrants scuffled with police at a transit camp in Croatia and nations in southeast Europe scolded and threatened each other as the unrelenting flow of asylum-seekers raised diplomatic tensions to a boiling point.

Tensions between Serbia and Croatia took a sharp turn for the worse, with Serbia giving Croatia an ultimatum to reopen its border — or risk unspecified counter-measures.

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ALASKA

Fossils of new dinosaur species found

Researchers have uncovered a new species of plant-eating dinosaur in Alaska, according to a report published Tuesday.

The animal was a variety of hadrosaur, a duck-billed dinosaur that roamed in herds, said Pat Druckenmiller, earth sciences curator at the University of Alaska Museum in Fairbanks.

Northern Alaska likely was once covered by forest in a warmer climate. The dinosaur lived in darkness for months and probably experienced snow, researchers said.

The fossils were found in rock deposited 69 million years ago.

For at least 25 years, the fossils were lumped in with another hadrosaur, Edmontosaurus, a species well-known in Canada and the U.S., including Montana and South Dakota. The formal study of the Alaska dinosaur revealed differences in skull and mouth features that made it a different species, Druckenmiller said.

Researchers have dubbed the creature Ugrunaaluk kuukpikensis. The name means "ancient grazer" and was chosen by scientists with assistance from speakers of Inupiaq, the language of Alaska Inupiat Eskimos.

The dinosaurs grew up to nine metres long. Hundreds of teeth helped them chew coarse vegetation, researchers said. They probably walked primarily on their hind legs but could walk on four legs, Druckenmiller said.

Most of the fossils were found in the Prince Creek Formation of the Liscomb Bone Bed along the Colville River more than 500 kilometres northwest of Fairbanks.

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A handful of dinosaur bones discovered at the Liscomb Bonebed in Alaska. PAT DRUCKENMILLER-UA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple update makes watch a lot smarter

TECHNOLOGY

New software lets it do more but hardware stays the same

Attendees check out the product at a company event in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Apple Watch's new software brings useful enhancements, though it's not the same as getting a new watch.

That same watch can now do more. For the first time, non-Apple apps are able to display video and use the watch's sensors and controls. In addition, the watch now works with Wi-Fi, extending how far you can go without a phone with you. These enhancements address many initial frustrations with the watch.

But the hardware itself isn't changing, apart for some new colour and band choices. Promised battery life remains at 18 hours, something Apple will need to address in upcoming generations given that rival smartwatches are promising more. For now, you might need to buy a spare charger.

To update the watch, first make sure your phone has the latest software, iOS 9. Then go to the Apple Watch app on the phone, choose "General" and then "Software Update."

Apple's own fitness apps are smarter with Monday's update:

Before, the watch displayed only current pace during runs. Average pace is more useful, as it factors in the occasional errant readings. The watch finally lets you choose that instead, though you need to dig in the settings on the phone to change that.

The watch tracks mile-by-mile splits for the first time, matching what many apps, the Fitbit Surge and the Microsoft Band offer. It's not the same as choosing your own splits manually, such as after each lap on a track. But it's progress. The splits aren't displayed on the watch, though, but in the Activity app on the phone after you sync your workout.

The nagging reminders that you need to stand up if you've been sitting at your desk for too long can be paused if you happen to be on a flight or a road trip. And it's clearer whether you've already earned credit for standing during a given hour. A blinking blue bar appears in the Activity app on the watch if you haven't yet.

You also have more choices for watch faces: Choose photos of your kids or friends to appear on the main watch screen. Or choose time-lapse video from one of six cities. At 10 p.m. your time, you see what Paris or Shanghai looks like at 10 p.m. local time. It's cheaper than a flight. When charging, the watch functions like an alarm clock on a nightstand.

Beyond that, the watch update lets you reply to email and set more than 12 friends as favourites.

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watchOS 2

Delayed a week

The watchOS 2 update for Apple Watch arrived Monday, delayed by nearly a week as Apple fixed an unspecified bug.

ECONOMY

RBC sees growth slowing even more

Ongoing weakness in the energy sector has prompted RBC Economics to downgrade its latest forecast for the Canadian economy.

It says Canada's real GDP is projected to grow 1.2 per cent this year — down from its June prediction of 1.8 per cent.

However, RBC says while the economy contracted mildly in both the first and second quarters of 2015, the depth of the decline was marginal and the weakness was concentrated mostly in the energy sector.

Provincial economies continue to be divided between oil producers and oil consumers, with the fallout from plunging oil prices significantly lowering the outlook for economic activity in Newfoundland and Labrador, Alberta and Saskatchewan. RBC says the prospects for Ontario, British Columbia, Quebec are brighter, as well as for most of the other oil-consuming provinces.

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Rock on: A new method of extracting water from asteroids could bring long-haul spaceflight closer — though not everyone agrees the whole universe should be ours to mine for resources.

TIM HARPER: ON CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE JOE DANIEL

In a video obtained by the Star, Daniel offered this warning to voters in Don Valley North: "So I think there is a different agenda going on in terms of these refugees."

On the same weekend Conservatives expedited a refugee processing system in a nod to what they called "Canadian generosity," one of their candidates seeking re-election was telling voters about an "agenda" to move Muslims into European countries.

And that is something Joe Daniel doesn't want to see in Canada.

In a video obtained by the Star, Daniel offered this warning to voters in Don Valley North: "So I think there is a different agenda going on in terms of these refugees.

"Whereas at the same time Saudi Arabia is putting up money for 200 mosques in Germany I think the agenda is to move as many Muslims into some of these European countries to change these countries in a major way.

"That is something that I certainly don't want to see happening in Canada. I think Canada is the greatest country in the world."

One GTA Liberal candidate who has seen the video called it an "outrageous . . . conspiracy theory to promote fear and hatred."

What exactly does Daniel mean with these words? Neither he nor the Conservative party attempted to clarify his remarks.

Comments like those from Daniel indicate this issue will linger. And legitimate questions will be raised as to how many Conservative candidates might be at least leaning in his direction.

Instead, he issued a statement Tuesday evening, relayed from party headquarters, pledging support for Stephen Harper's three-pronged approach to the ongoing crisis and "support of the government's recent additional action on refugees, while still ensuring that rigorous security standards are maintained for the safety and security of Canadians."

Daniel would not do a phone interview. He recently made news after his office told the Ottawa Citizen that he would be available to do interviews only after his re-election and then told the Star that he would work to his own deadlines, not the media's deadlines, in deciding whether he would return a phone call.

CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS Conservative candidate Joe Daniel (right) was caught on video apparently suggesting "the refugee crisis was some type of conspiracy to plant Muslims in Europe," writes Tim Harper. JOEDANIEL.CA

Daniel, a 60-year-old native of Tanzania, was first elected in 2011, but he left little footprint in Ottawa.

He was clearly referring to a Saudi offer that has garnered some controversy in Germany.

The offer to build the mosques for Syrian refugees in Germany has been described as Saudis offering a place to pray, not a place to stay.

A couple of German politicians branded the move cynical, adding Germany doesn't need the funds, and the refugees need solidarity from the Arab world, not offers of money for Germany.

Until Daniel arrived on the scene, making his comments at an informal meet-the-candidates forum at a barbecue in his riding, no one had suggested — as the video appears to — the refugee crisis was some type of conspiracy to plant Muslims in Europe to change the face of the continent.

Earlier in the campaign, when this issue first flared, one GTA Conservative candidate, speaking on background, told the Star that, if anything, criticism of Harper's approach was "hardening our vote."

In an interview with the Star's Tonda MacCharles, Conservative candidate Bal Gosal (Brampton-Centre), said supporters in his riding "don't want them. The majority of people don't want them (Syrian refugees)."

According to the Ottawa Citizen, star Conservative candidate Dianne Watts in Surrey South-White Rock (B.C.) retweeted a message implying the Islamic State had "orchestrated" the migration of Syrian refugees. The re-tweet has since been deleted.

Ottawa is speeding the process of getting 10,000 Syrian refugees to this country, but the Liberals have called for the welcoming of 25,000 at a cost of $100 million.

The NDP has promised to bring 10,000 refugees from Syria by the end of 2015 and to resettle 9,000 more every year until 2019.

Liberal Rob Oliphant, a former MP seeking to regain a seat in neighbouring Don Valley West, is a United Church minister. His congregation has sponsored refugee families from Colombia and Afghanistan.

He said he wants Stephen Harper to repudiate Daniel because the Conservative leader has a candidate who is using a religious group to divide Canadians and is using women and children fleeing Syria to sow fear in this country.

There had been a sense in some quarters that the refugee announcement by Immigration Minister Chris Alexander may have helped Conservatives turn the corner on the refugee question. The pivot may have been viewed as cynical or a bid to inoculate Conservatives from wider criticism even if it is not threatening support among their base.

But comments like those from Daniel indicate this issue will linger. And legitimate questions will be raised as to how many Conservative candidates might be at least leaning in his direction.

Tim Harper is a national affairs writer. His column appears in the Toronto Star on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

URBAN ETIQUETTE
ELLEN VANSTONE

Two people in my office are having an affair. It's against the rules. Should I tell them I know?

Dear Ellen,

I just found out two people in my office are having an affair, which is against the rules. I don't want to report it, but should I tell them I know?

Teri, Halifax

Dear Teri,

Could you be any more circumspect? Details! Details! And I don't mean salacious ones — it would be crass to pass along graphic descriptions of who's grinding whom up against the supply closet.

Before I can give advice, I need to know more about these rules. Unless you're working in the front office of a nunnery, or all the employees are underage — in which case, there is a much more pressing issue of child labour — it's not kosher for your employer to forbid inter-office liaisons.

Not that getting intimate with co-workers is smart. Let's just say it's best to ingest food in one location, and to eliminate bodily waste products in another, different location.

I'm not saying there should be no rules at all. A workplace should make it clear senior staff are forbidden intimate relationships with juniors, and especially with any employee who directly reports to them. The reasons are endless: The power imbalance might make the junior employee feel coerced, the junior employee might exert their own sexual power to get favours from the manager. Other employees may assume the junior employee is getting special treatment and resent it.

Finally, if by "affair," you mean one or both the participants are married, then you do have a problem. Just knowing about it can make you feel implicated in lies, which isn't good for morale or the soul.

And yet, people fall in love, sometimes with people they shouldn't. You can't force nature, or human nature, to behave just because you said so. If you're dealing with two people who are truly in love, scrupulously respecting the hierarchy at the office and discreetly pursuing a relationship, that's nobody's business. Not so if you're being subjected to distasteful displays of workplace lust. As a general rule, try to stay out of either situation. It's like dealing with disgusting items in the work fridge or disgusting messes in the company bathroom: You just gotta grit your teeth and accept it.

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FOOD

Drake is just one of many Canadian celebs getting in the eatery biz

Melissa Dunne
For Metro Canada

Beyoncé dropped a surprise album, now Drake has dropped a surprise restaurant.

The rapper reportedly rolled up in a Rolls-Royce to his star-studded party for Fring's in the heart of The Six Monday night. Details are scarce, but Fring's is said to be a collaboration with celebrity chef Susur Lee and his two sons, who are relatively new to the restaurant game.

Toronto's very own follows in the footsteps of several fellow Canadian entertainers who gotten into the brutally competitive food business over the years, with many getting burned in the process. But, hey, YOLO, right?

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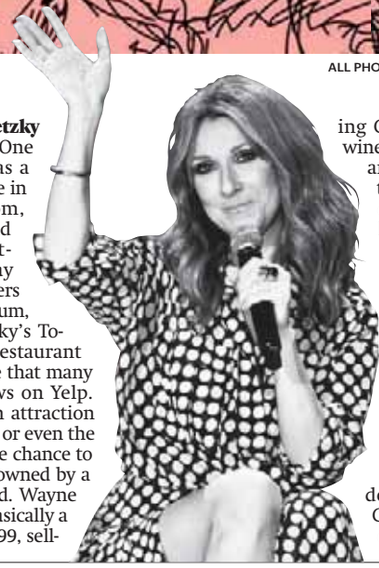

Wayne Gretzky

The Great One reportedly has a minority stake in a dining room, sports bar and rooftop patio steps away from the Rogers Centre called, um, Wayne Gretzky's Toronto. The restaurant doesn't have that many great reviews on Yelp. But, the main attraction isn't the food, or even the drinks, but the chance to be in a place owned by a hockey legend. Wayne Gretzky's is basically a shrine to No. 99, selling Gretzky-branded wine, tank tops, caps and even mugs. If the music money dries up, perhaps Drake should consider selling tees with an X through Meek Mill's face on them and The Six stickers at Fring's.

Ryan Gosling

Hey girl, did you know London, Ont.'s Ryan Gosling co-founded Tangine Beverly Hills? The restaurant website, for some reason, has a closeup shot of a light bulb instead of one of Gosling's abs from that Emma Stone movie. The food at the "Moroccan hideaway in Beverly Hills" has gotten solid reviews, but over the years Yelpers have given Gosling bad reviews for not visiting the resto often enough for their taste. Likewise, Fring's customers are gonna want to see Aubrey Graham and his newly swole physique at his new King West spot like every day, every day.

Céline Dion

Charlemange, Que.'s, Céline Dion may be back performing in Las Vegas these days, but she hasn't forgotten La Belle Province. She co-founded the mercilessly mocked Nickels restaurant chain in the '90s. Dion has since moved on. These days, the chanteuse and her husband are reportedly part of a group who now own the iconic Schwartz's Deli in Montreal. When the delicatessen started selling its famous smoked meat in supermarkets purists were très upset. Hopefully a diss track about Fring's specialties at your local Loblaws isn't in Drake's future.

Ivan Reitman

If you want some world-famous roast chicken who you gonna call? Ivan Reitman! That's because the Canadian-bred director and actor is part of a group who own Montecito. When the well-reviewed restaurant opened last year right before the Toronto International Film Festival last year, the owners didn't shy away from celebrating some of Reitman's greatest hits. There was even a baked Alaska on the menu in homage to the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man from Ghostbusters when the downtown restaurant opened. Perhaps the Lee boys can whip up a Started From the Bottom upside-down cake for Fring's, which coincidentally happens to be only about a block away from Montecito.

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Sweet duo, sweet new recipes

Metro Canada has teamed up with the Sweet Potato Chronicles' **Ceri Marsh** and **Laura Keogh** to bring you a week's worth of quick, easy and healthy meals. Starting Monday, we will feature a daily delicious recipe from the culinary duo. To get you ready, these busy moms lay out some of the essentials you'll need in your pantry and a handy shopping list to take to the store.

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Hi readers! We're Laura and Ceri and we're thrilled to be joining the team at Metro to bring you The Daily Meal. Creating healthy, simple recipes is something we've been doing for years on our site, Sweet Potato Chronicles, and in our own lives as parents of young kids and lovers of delicious food.

We're passionate about the benefits of real food made at home (health, savings, family bonding), but we're also acutely aware of how hard it can be to pull off (we're regularly wistful for the days of our youth when a bowl of cereal eaten over the sink could be dinner.)

To start this off right, let's talk pantries. In addition to having great, reliable go-to recipes, creating a smart, well-stocked pantry is key to being able to pull off home-cooked meals, even on the busiest nights. There's no need to re-invent the wheel every time you step in the kitchen. Here's how we do it.

How to begin

We think of a pantry as being made up by your cupboards, freezer and fridge — anywhere you keep basics.

You don't need an enormous pantry to support your cooking efforts. You just need the one that works for you and what you like to eat.

The pantry of someone who likes to bake is going to look quite different from that of someone who loves soups and stews. Start, not by filling up your cupboards, but by purging them.

Get everything out of your cabinets then give every shelf, rack and drawer a good wipe down with warm, soapy water. Critters love pantries as much as we do, sadly, and regular cleaning is the only way to keep them out.

Toss things you're not using regularly. Are you really going to bake with that candy cane syrup you got last Christmas?

If not, happy trails.

What You Need

1. *In the cupboard!* Oils and vinegars. You should have olive oil, a neutral oil, such as canola or grape seed, white vinegar (good for cleaning as well as eating) and a couple of flavoured versions for salad dressings, like balsamic and apple cider vinegar. Keep oils and vinegars close to your workspace but away from light and heat.

2. Canned vegetables and beans. A good selection of canned tomatoes, chickpeas, kidney or black beans means you're already halfway to a home-made dinner.

3. Dry ingredients. Most households need all-purpose flour, but you may also want whole wheat or gluten-free alternatives. You'll want white and brown sugar, baking powder and baking soda. Think about which starches you like and stock up on rice, couscous, oats and quinoa accordingly.

4. Salt and pepper. Keep small amounts (so they stay fresh) of these all-stars on your counter where you can reach for them constantly.

5. *In the fridge!* You'll want butter, milk, eggs and yogurt on hand most weeks, as well as basics like chicken or vegetable stock, Dijon mustard and mayonnaise. Onions, garlic and ginger will get many recipes started.

6. *In the freezer!* This is the often-forgotten hero of a rock-solid pantry. Of course proteins like shrimp. ground turkey or beef are good to have in the freezer, but so are pizza dough, an extra loaf of bread, berries and veggies. Many nuts and seeds will last longer if they're kept in the freezer.

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Laura and Ceri say a well-stocked pantry is something every home-cooking devotee needs to keep delicious food coming on the regular. COPYRIGHT © 2013 MAYA VISNYEI PHOTOGRAPHY

GET ORGANIZED

Now that you've got the elements of your pantry together, you need to make it simple to use. Invest in an assortment of mason jars or other glass containers in large, medium and small sizes, and stickers for labelling. Taking ingredients out of their original boxes and bags and placing them into transparent containers makes it easier to see what you have and much easier to keep tidy and clean.

ZESTY CHICKEN WITH RED BEANS AND RICE

Ceri's favourite weekend family meal

This hearty dinner is great to make ahead.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 60 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 Tbsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 6 chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 15 oz can of kidney beans
- 1 19 oz can of tomatoes
- 3/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup frozen or fresh corn
- 1 cup brown rice
- Small handful of cleaned, chopped cilantro
- 1 or 2 limes, quartered

Directions
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

On a plate, toss together the flour, chili and salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken through the mixture.

In a large Dutch oven or oven-proof pot, heat up the olive oil to medium high.

Brown the chicken on both sides, don't worry about cooking the meat through. You may have to work in batches.

Place the browned chicken on a clean plate and put aside. Drain excess fat from the pot.

Turn the heat down a touch in your pot and add the garlic, allow it to soften up and become fragrant, but not brown.

Add your beans, tomatoes, stock corn and rice. Give everything a stir and scrape up anything that is sticking to the bottom.

Break up the tomatoes with the back of a wooden spoon or you can use my favourite trick and gently use a potato masher. Raise the heat again and bring the mixture to a boil.

Place the chicken pieces on top of your tomato-y mixture, cover with a lid, and place in the oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Pull out a couple of grains of rice to be sure they're cooked. Serve immediately with a sprinkling of cilantro and a squeeze of lime juice, or cool and place in the freezer to reheat later.

Few things are better than knowing this little baby is waiting in the freezer after a long day of work. MAYA VISNYEI

QUICKMEAL

This delicious meal is ready in under 25 minutes. MAYA VISNYEI

SPINACH, SUN-DRIED TOMATO AND BASIL PENNE

Laura's weekday go-to recipe for quick supper

I love knowing that I can get this delicious flavour bomb on the table in under 25 minutes.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 500g penne pasta
- 3 cups baby spinach
- ¼ cup diced sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 large clove garlic
- ½ cup shaved Asiago cheese, plus 1 Tbsp
- 1 handful of basil leaves (about 20), chiffonade (rolled together and then cut into long strips)

Directions
Prepare pasta according to package directions in well-salted water. During the last minute of cooking time, drop the spinach and sun-dried tomatoes into the water.

Reserve 1 cup of cooking water then drain pasta.

Pour drained pasta and vegetables back into pot and then mix in olive oil.

Using a microplane, grate garlic into the pasta, add in the cheese, and stir.

Loosen up your sauce by adding a tablespoon of the reserved pasta water at a time until you reach your desired consistency.

Serve the dish with basil and Asiago sprinkled on top.

SHOPPING LIST

Here's what you'll need for the first week of Sweet Potato Chronicles' recipes, launching in Metro Monday:

Avocado, Lettuce and Tomato Sandwich
- 4 basil leaves, torn
- 1/2 avocado, pitted and mashed
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tomato
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/2 head of Boston Bibb lettuce
- 4 pieces of multi grain bread, toasted
- Sea salt

Kale Chicken Salad
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 small head of kale
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
- Dressing

One Skillet Tomato Basil Chicken Pasta
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 28-ounce can of tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups penne pasta
- 1 cup freshly shaved parmesan cheese, more for garnish
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves

Halibut Tacos with Strawberry Salsa
- Olive oil
- 1 pound halibut fillets
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground garlic
- 6 to 8 small corn tortillas
- 1 cup hulled and diced strawberries
- 1 cup watermelon cubes, diced
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped cilantro
- 1 avocado, sliced for garnish

Mushroom Barley Soup
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 or 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and diced
- 2 stalks of celery diced
- 1 lb of cremini mushrooms, brushed clean and sliced
- 2 Tbsp fresh thyme (less if using dried)
- 3/4 cup of pearl barley
- 5 cups of stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

Is counting calories out of style?

NUTRITION

New trend says weight control is all about eating whole foods

When Meghan Telpner was diagnosed with Crohn's disease six years ago, she turned her digestive health around, she says, by swapping processed foods for whole foods and liberating herself from the tyranny of counting calories.

"If we avoid foods that went through a chemical lab or processing factory," she says, reiterating her message in The Undiet Cookbook, due out in October, "then the rest takes care of itself."

Telpner, now a holistic nutritionist, is part of a movement among nutrition-minded folks who view counting calories — on apps, in your head, via subtracting it from Fitbit stats — as a "broken model" for determining the health of a food.

And for maintaining a healthy body weight.

It's all because calories are not created equal, she says. The tiny units of energy in food — and what the body burns as fuel — behave differently depending on their source. A handful of gummy bears, for instance, may ring in at 200 calories just like a portion of avocado. But the candy will spike insulin, stress hormones and cravings, where the fibrous fruit, which digests gradually, will just make you feel full without the crazy hunger swings.

Not to mention, Telpner says, it's easier to overindulge in foods with added salt, sugar and fat, which are engineered with the perfect "mouth feel" or "crunch" and goad us to overeat.

There is a growing movement among nutrition-minded folks who view counting calories — on apps, in your head, via subtracting it from Fitbit stats — as a "broken model" for determining the health of a food. ISTOCK

If we avoid foods that went through a chemical lab or processing factory, then the rest takes care of itself.

Meghan Telpner, author of The Undiet Cookbook

That logic has "nuggets of truth," experts agree, because the less processed a food — an intact grain vs. milled flour; a beet vs. granulated sugar — the more difficult it is to digest, the longer its journey through the small intestine and therefore; the more satiated and satisfied we'll feel after eating it.

But in the final analysis, they say, any differences in the digestion between foods of the same calorie count are tiny.

If you eat too much of anything — and that includes nutritious foods — you'll gain weight, says Nick Bellissimo, associate professor of nutritional physiology at Ryerson's School of Nutrition. The laws of thermodynamics are immutable, he says, and weight change remains a matter of "simple math:" calories in vs. calories out.

So, like any diet — the low-fat craze, low-carb craze, Paleo, to name a few — this new anti-calorie-counting "fad" is no panacea.

Although, he says, it does have its merits. Counting calories becomes futile when people don't know how many they need in a day to maintain their weight — or shed some.

Read magazines, consume media and come across ubiquitous numbers, telling men to consume 2,000 calories a day and women to eat about 1,200 calories a day. But they're based on the rudimentary — and incorrect — premise that men are bigger and burn more, Bellissimo says.

For one, he says, those estimates don't take into account activity level — exercising burns calories, and the more muscles you have the more calories you'll burn at rest — or other important factors such as psychology, hormones, sleep, stress, even the body's drive to defend some predetermined weight.

"It's a complicated mess," Bellissimo says, of why some people just can't lose weight even when they cut down their intake. "And a lot of factors may actually be beyond anyone's conscious control."

It's the unknowns — emotions, habits — that can make "diets" impractical and unsuccessful, says registered dietitian Nanci Guest.

Plus, she says, there's no scientific evidence that a "whole foods" diet is better or worse than any other diet. Some have success eating high-protein, low-carbohydrate regimens; others swear by the opposite. "In the end, there's no difference," she says.

"It's just a matter of what works for you and sticking to that."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SHOWCASE

Southern influence tops for tastemakers

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Artisan sodas are perfect for mixing cocktails. THERESA ALBERT

A couple of key food trends emerged out of this weekend's Food and Wine show in Toronto: chicken and waffles are taking over the spot left by those bored of pulled pork and burger sliders, and artisan sodas are being used to elevate cocktails.

Blue Goose Pure Foods provides humanely raised chicken to grocers across the country. Their birds are cage, antibiotic and hormone free (by the way, all chicken is hormone free in Canada).

But it isn't such snooty food that it can't be breaded and fried and placed on a sweet waffle with a barbecue sauce drizzle. This dish has the very same salty/sweet goopy but crispy decadence of its predecessor the pulled meat sandwich but offers a soft fluffy bed of something normally thought of as dessert or breakfast. Every chef will have her version just like everyone's aunt in the American south has her own secret recipe.

With soda sales on the decline but our love of the stuff still strong (not to mention critical in a mixed drink worth its salt), it was only a matter of time before artisan pops started to spring up. Split tree Cocktail Co. is one that stood out.

They insist that you stop putting "crappy mixes in with expensive spirits" and offer up handmade mixes in small batches with whole ingredients.

Their vanilla syrup makes a smooth accompaniment to any rum; rhubarb and grapefruit cordials will inspire your vodka; and a uniquely bitter but bright tonic will add some love to your gin.

We are simply creatures of habit who love our childhood palate pleasures but now we want them to have a grown up -worthy pedigree.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food

LIQUID ASSETS

Mandela lives on at family vineyard

When you're a roaming wine guy like me you get to meet some pretty cool folks. There are winemakers, industry bigwigs, and, once in a while, I get to hang out with people that, while part of the wine industry, transcend it at the same time.

I got to meet two members of the latter over lunch while in Cape Town, South Africa last week.

Makaziwe and Tukwini Mandela (Nelson Mandela's daughter and granddaughter) are the women behind the wine from the House of Mandela. Founded in 2010, the venture was given the thumbs-up by the South African icon before his death in 2013.

Wrapped in a colourful label inspired by Nelson Mandela's signature Madiba shirts, The Thembu Collection 2014 Sauvignon Blanc ($11.29-$14.99) is a fresh, ripe white showing classic varietal fruit making it a perfect mate with shellfish and pork.

Fair trade certified, a portion of its sales will go to South African charities.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

PETER ROCKWELL/METRO

A taste of Canada's best food writing

COOKING

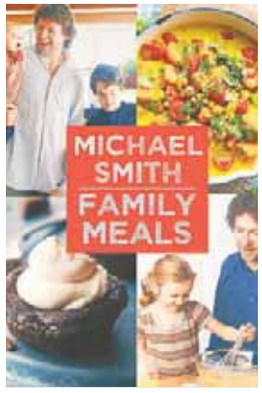
Authors from Tofino to P.E.I. awarded Taste Canada prizes

Culinary personality Michael Smith won a Taste Canada food writing award Monday for his eighth cookbook, Family Meals (Penguin Random House Canada).

The P.E.I. chef's 2014 book featuring 100 recipes was the winner in the general cookbooks category.

From the other side of the country, Vancouver Island chef Lisa Ahier and Andrew Morrison won for The SoBo Cookbook: Recipes from the Tofino Restaurant at the End of the Canadian Road (Appetite by Random House) in the regional/cultural category.

La récolte by Bernard Dubé (Bernard Dubé) won in the same category for French language books.



Family Meals won a Taste Canada award. HANDOUT

Mary-Ann Kirkby was recognized in the culinary narratives category for Secrets of a Hutterite Kitchen: Unveiling the Rituals, Traditions and Food of the Hutterite Culture (Penguin), and Duchess Bake Shop by Giselle Courteau (Duchess Bake Shop, Edmonton) was the winner in the single-subject cookbooks category.

In recognition of food writers who publish online, Taste Canada handed out a new award this year to honour the best Canadian-authored independent food-related blog post.

Allison Day's Whole Roasted Cauliflower with Hazelnut, Orange and Saffron (Yummy Beet) won in English, while Christelle Tanielian was the recipient for the French blog post Pizza 3 minutes: saucisses italiennes, épinards, tomates cerises, cœurs d'artichauts et mozzarella (Christelle is Flabbergasting).

Winners were determined after reviewing 69 books and 27 blog entries.

This year's Hall of Fame Awards were handed out to Rose Murray, who has written more than 10 books on Canadian cuisine, Canadian Cook Book author Nellie Lyle Pattinson (1873-1953), and Ryerson teachers Helen Wattie (1911-2009) and Elinor Donaldson Whyte, who updated Pattinson's 1923 text. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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English heritage takes spotlight

BURBERRY

British luxury house goes crazy for capes

A live orchestra, a starry front row, clothes boasting a proud British heritage and craftsmanship: Burberry knows how to put on a crowd-pleasing spectacle.

The luxury British design house blended fashion with entertainment in its biannual display at London Fashion Week Monday, a well-oiled production and a key event to boost sales and brand prestige. Actors Benedict Cumberbatch, Sienna Miller and Naomie Harris squeezed in the front row, joining a posse of models led by Kate Moss and Cara Delevingne.

A new talking point this season was the live music: Burberry has put on music performances before, but not like this. Models sashayed around an orchestra pit housing a 32-piece orchestra and singer Alison Moyet, who starred centre-stage in the middle of the tent.

The clothes, of course, are the main selling point, and Burberry makes sure there is something for everybody.

A key theme is mixing elegant with street cool.

There were lots of opulent black and gold English lace, wispy sheer outfits and silk slip dresses, dressed down with unbuttoned fluid trenches, nylon rucksacks and sporty flat sandals — casual gear that could have been worn by any college student, if not for the giveaway gold chain and buckle details.

The brand's best-known beige trench took a backseat to military-style outerwear — black and navy pea coats with bright gold piping and gold buttons, which design chief Christopher Bailey said were made by the same company that dresses Britain's royal guards.

If the show didn't feel particularly summery, what with the mix of silks and heavy coats, it's because Burberry wants to cater as many international customers — especially those in China, a big part of its market — as possible.

"I like the idea that it's not just about the season, it's about an attitude because half the world is boiling hot, half the world is freezing cold," Bailey said backstage.

Under Bailey, Burberry has aggressively used social media and technology to expand its market reach and entice new customers.

The brand has live-streamed its show to millions worldwide via its many online platforms for several seasons, and offers new merchandise for instant purchase.

Monday's show was for the first time previewed the previous evening on the social messaging platform Snapchat, which meant that users saw the collection before it was officially unveiled at the show.

It does raise the question: Will the fashion show soon become obsolete? Bailey doesn't seem to think so, and said there's still a place for putting on an expensive event for live guests.

"There's room for everything, I don't think one thing cancels the other," he said.

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Burberry design chief Christopher Bailey

Sienna Miller, Kate Moss and Cara Delevingne chat in the front row at Burberry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Empire unlocks Cookie's prison past

SEASON PREMIERE

Actress Taraji P. Henson talks family drama in Season 2

Lisa Weidenfeld
Metro | New York

Taraji P. Henson says she binge-watched Orange Is the New Black to prepare for Season 2 of Empire. HANDOUT

To say that Empire took the TV world by storm last winter would be an understatement. The musical soap opera quickly became one of the most popular shows in television, with fans everywhere obsessing over the next moves of each member of the duplicitous Lyon clan. But a large part of that interest was inspired by Taraji P. Henson's instantly epic performance as matriarch Cookie Lyon, who at the beginning of the show had recently been released from prison and was on the warpath to get the family company back in her name.

Cookie is behind a lot of the shifting loyalties of the family's drama, expertly playing each of her sons off of each other and conspiring against her ex Lucious (Terrence Howard), all while dressed impressively and striding into each room as if she owns the place. When asked if Cookie will be making her trademark big entrances this year, Henson laughs and says, "That's what she does!"

It's a big part of the character's personality, and Henson admits, "When they first started that, I was like, look, we can't have Cookie busting in every room all the time. But the way they write it is so clever, because that's how she is. That's what she would do."

Fans will generally see much the same Cookie they fell in love with in Season 1, as Henson promises "not many changes" to her. Instead, the show will be "delving more into the 17 years she was locked away from her family. That says a lot about her."

And like any TV fan, Henson went to a popular source to learn about prison life. "I've been binge-watching Orange Is the New Black. I'm almost done with the second season. It just made me think, that's an important part of her life. We need to know, how did it change her? How did she go in? What did it do to her coming out?"

But that drama may have to share time in her life with her ongoing split with middle son Jamal (Jussie Smollett). While the two started out as the closest pair in the family, by the end of the season, they were at odds and not speaking. And Henson says that's not likely to change, despite how popular the two are. "That's going to kill you. I will say this. You're not going to like that part."

Cookie finds herself in enemy territory in Season 2, as she's recently formed an alliance with Lucious' other ex, Boo Boo Kitty. Asked whether the two will set aside their differences, Henson just laughs knowingly and says, "You'll have to watch that."

Empire Season 2 premieres Wednesday at 8 p.m. on City.

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Host of long-running reality show has got what it takes

Twenty castaways from past seasons have been voted back by fans to compete in Cambodia for their second shot at being sole survivor. The special 90-minute season premiere airs tonight. CONTRIBUTED/ALL OTHER PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

REALITY TV

King of the jungle: Probst is the real last man standing

Despite being the granddaddy of reality television shows that paved the way for the onslaught of non-scripted programming we have today, Survivor gets surprisingly little respect.

Yet as it enters its 31st season — no, you're not that old, there are two shows per year since it started in 2000 — it remains steadfast and popular. A regular Top 10 show in Canada, people are watching even if the Emmy voters are not, apparently. The new season starts Wednesday on Global at 8 p.m. ET/PT.

The concept is simple. Leave a bunch of folk of differing ages and backgrounds on an island. See who can outlast and outplay to win a million dollars. The Lord of the Flies drama is elemental.

Returning host Jeff Probst is not afraid to call out or fully confront contestants if he feels they are out of line, making him the conscience of the show and the DNA of a very particular brand with a loyal following.

"I'm a fan, too. I just happen to be in the role of a moderator," Probst said. "It gives you great leeway to ask difficult questions. Questions that any fan would ask. So why wouldn't you?"

The new season, shot in Cambodia, is about second chances. It takes 20 former players back into the game.

"So much has happened to them, and they are also in a country that is undergoing something of a rebirth and a second chance, so the symbolism is undeniable," says Probst. "The local people are trying to rebuild the country. You could feel it in the spirit of the island and the local crew we hired. And on the other hand you have the contestants who are playing the game of Survivor."

Probst said having experienced, motivated players meant that it was a much more "sophisticated" game than in the past.

"When you have people wait, in some cases, eight or 10 or — in the case of some people like Kelly Wiglesworth — waiting 15 years, the motivation is so focused," says Probst. "They've been thinking about this game for maybe a decade. And they know why they're back. It changed the whole game and you can tell this from episode one."

Despite his presence today as the guardian of the Survivor brand, Probst said it took a while for him to find his role.

"I think early on CBS was looking for maybe a more traditional host and it was five years before they allowed me to have a voice," says Probst. "But a lot of that really came from (creator) Mark Burnett.

"It's crazy to think that he would be that trusting. But it all worked out. This job is a gift."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BREAKUP

January Jones and Will Forte split

Last Man on Earth star Will Forte and Mad Men star January Jones have reportedly broken up after five months of dating, according to Us Weekly.

And while they were both at the Emmys Sunday night — with Forte making a hilarious cameo in Andy Samberg's opening number — the split supposedly happened last month. Apparently there were no awkward run-ins at the ceremony or after-parties, so there's that, at least.

As for why they couldn't make it work, it's less to do with bridging the comedy and drama divide. A source spills that single-mom Jones has been telling friends, "Relationships are a pain in the ass."

Sure, but Forte seems so chill. As a side note, isn't it super awkward when you find out a couple are dating by hearing about their breakup?

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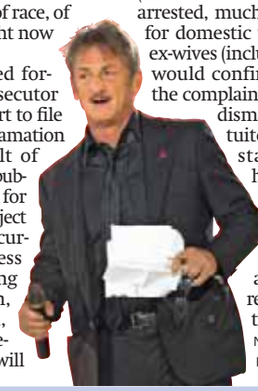
LAWSUIT

Penn seeking $10M in defamation suit

Sean Penn really doesn't like Empire creator Lee Daniels suggesting he's abusive to women. In an interview, Daniels compared Penn to the show's star, Terrence Howard, claiming both have a history of being abusive toward women.

"(Terrence) ain't done nothing different than Marlon Brando or Sean Penn, and all of a sudden he's some f—ing demon," Daniels told The Hollywood Reporter in reference to Howard's recent legal troubles. "That's a sign of the time, of race, of where we are right now in America."



Penn has hired former federal prosecutor Mathew Rosengart to file a $10-million defamation suit. "As a result of Penn's status as a public figure, he has for years been the subject of scandalous, scurrilous and baseless attacks," the filing reads. "But Penn, like any citizen, has a right to defend himself and will no longer tolerate the reckless and malicious behavior of others who seek to aggrandize themselves or their projects at his expense. Accordingly, and because of Daniels' defamatory statements, Penn brings this action for monetary relief, and to deter Daniels and others from their defamatory actions.

"Daniels falsely equates Penn with Howard, even though, while he has certainly had several brushes with the law, Penn (unlike Howard) has never been arrested, much less convicted, for domestic violence, as his ex-wives (including Madonna) would confirm and attest," the complaint states. "Sean is dismayed at the gratuitous attacks and statements that have been made over the years at his expense and he wants to take a stand and correct the record," Rosengart told Deadline.

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Lay off, fashion police: Mendes

Hey there, snarky fashion-watchers, maybe lay off the pregnant ladies, OK? That's the position Eva Mendes is taking, and honestly it's embarrassing someone has to say it, but such is the world we live in.

"I don't think it's fair to comment on (pregnant) women. I think that's when we should be off-limits," she tells Elle.com. "I was basically in an oversized T-shirt — a very oversized T-shirt — for a long time. I didn't do anything style-wise."

Not that there's anything wrong with that. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Pattinson's pot-belly

Poor Robert Pattinson is worried about his figure. The former Twilight star admits that as he inches toward 30, he's finding it trickier to stay in shape — and harder to hide that fact from prying eyes.

"It used to be that I could start working out four weeks before a job and it would be totally fine. Now? Nothing happens," he laments to The Times of London. "What the f— is going on? I had to go on holiday to an extravagant secret location this year because I was afraid of someone photographing my gut." Man, I hear ya. Except for the extravagant secret locations part. And the going on vacation part. But other than that, totes simpatico.

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Snoop uniting stoners online

Snoop Dogg's love for weed is no secret, and the rapper is channelling that passion into the launch of Merry Jane — a tech platform that centres on cannabis. Snoop Dogg launched the site with a limited amount of beta tester invites, according to TechCrunch.

"There are so many people in the closet, and we are giving them an opportunity to come out of the closet and just admit they like to smoke," the rapper says. "I'm a smoker, my name is Snoop Dogg, and I'm a stoner." Shocker.

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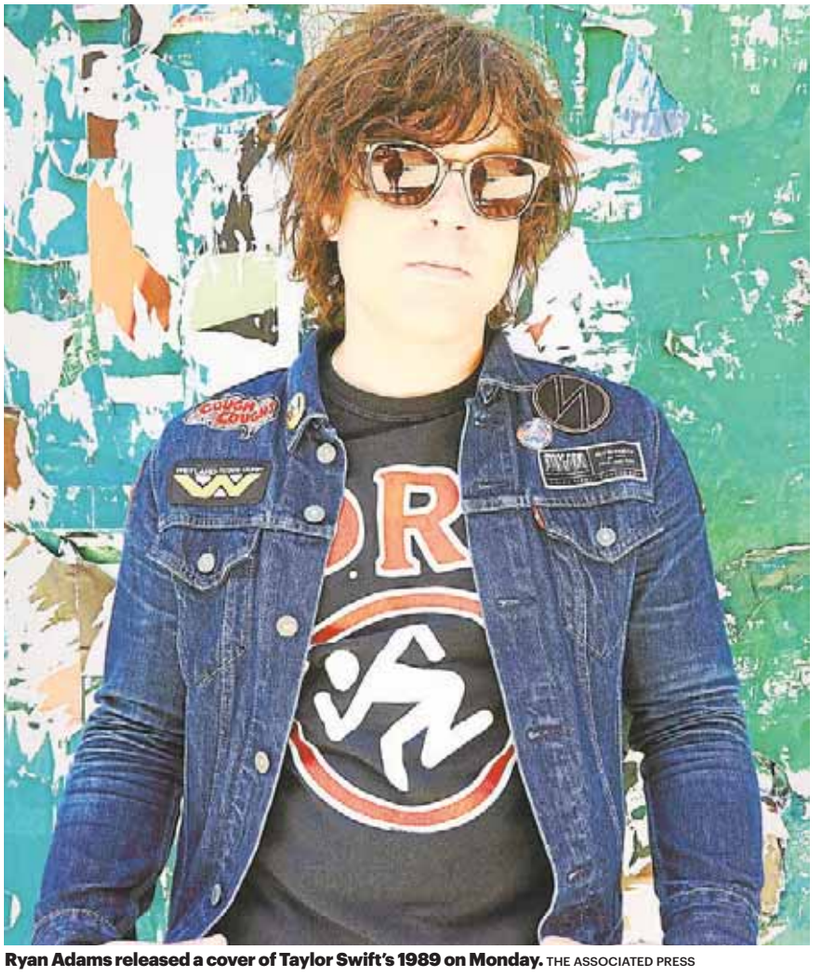

Ryan Adams released a cover of Taylor Swift's 1989 on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer Ryan Adams reflects on 1989

ALBUM

Interpreting Taylor Swift's work was 'humbling'

Rocker Ryan Adams said covering Taylor Swift's entire 1989 album was "incredibly humbling" and helped him explore himself more deeply as a musician.

Adams' version of 1989 was digitally released Monday. Swift released the original album — her first full-blown pop record — last October.

"It's actually incredibly humbling to find a connection with someone else's words and someone else's songs and to open yourself up and to feel them fully, and find out where those stories take you," Adams, 40, said in an interview last week.

"It felt no less genuine than any song I've ever written for myself."

So far, Swift's fifth album has sold 5.2 million units and launched multiple hits, including No.1 hits like Shake It Off, Blank Space and Bad Blood.

Adams' interpretation of 1989 offers a slowed-down take on her upbeat anthems.

"I got to work different parts of my brain, different parts of my heart and different parts of the musical aspects of my personality," Adams said of covering Swift's music.

"It's really its own thing. ... It's not the same record."

After completing his version, the singer-songwriter-producer played it for 25-year-old Swift before taking it any further. He name-dropped Bob Mould as one his favourite musicians, but added in the same breath: "But then I also love all those songs on (Swift's) Fearless (album). I don't really have a place where my music begins and ends."

Adams said he has known Swift for about four years and counts himself as a fan.

Adams released his debut album, Heartbreaker, in 2000. His 2014 self-titled record, his 14th studio release, earned him two Grammy nominations earlier this year, including best rock album. He has also found success as a producer for acts like Willie Nelson and Jenny Lewis.

Adams says in 1989 — the year, not the album — he remembers being in love with music and being aware he wanted to make a career out of it.

"I was already collecting albums. By 15, I was skateboarding, I had gotten my first guitar," he said.

"I had my first record player and I remember I got my first couple of real albums that were my own records and I was really excited about them."

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> **I got to work different parts of my brain, different parts of my heart and different parts of the musical aspects of my personality.** Ryan Adams on his project

INTERVIEW

Peaches rubs up against the mainstream

At some point, Toronto electro-clash provocateur Peaches started to find pop music's fringe a little crowded.

But she welcomes the company.

"I always wanted the mainstream to move closer to me instead of me trying to move closer to the mainstream, and actually that's what happened," the Toronto native said in a recent telephone interview.

"It's an incredible feeling."

And yet, in a pop landscape where even former Disney stars seem to be borrowing from Peaches' deep stock of shock tactics and marginalized groups are wresting more sympathy and attention, she faces a new question.

"People are like: 'Well, Peaches, what are you going to shock people with now?'" she explained with a laugh. "Gay marriage is legal in the States, gender issues are being seriously taken into consideration, and bullying is a whole movement now, and blah, blah, blah, blah.

"Well, I'm going to celebrate it. I'm also going to keep my eye out and make sure it's not some sort of sensationalist shock trend for everybody else and that it's actually moving forward.

> **I always wanted the mainstream to move closer to me instead of me trying to move closer to the mainstream.**
> Toronto-based singer Peaches

"So celebrating with one eye still looking out."

That jubilation manifests in Rub, the new album Peaches refers to with considerable affection as her "post-gender or post-ageist celebration."

That said, Rub — her first record in more than six years — is hardly some compromise to convention.

Of course, it's recklessly funny, features several unprintable song titles — one, called Dumb (Expletive), which she considers her Purple Rain — and sonics jagged enough to trip Run the Jewels.

"The point was to make it even more raw, with all the great sounds that you can use now — just not polish it up at all," she explained. "Just make it really raw, and aggressive, but sonically warm."

Fans who worry about Peaches' ongoing capacity to shock, meanwhile, should listen to the record's blackest dirge: Free Drink Ticket.

With her vocals pitched down and a rumbling buzzsaw of a beat, she seethes against a "spineless coward" ex-lover whose "personality turned to white powder."

"There's this time in a relationship, and it happens a lot where you're in love and you're hurt, and that hurt turns to hate," she explained. "I was writing the album while this was going on ... so I captured it.

"I was recording with Jam (Rostron) from Planningtorock, and I asked her to leave the room, and I wrote madly on a piece of paper.... You feel like this person you love, you want to kill them. So I wanted to express that feeling for real."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peaches is releasing her first record in six years. GETTY IMAGES

MUSIC

Green Day unveils trailer for American Idiot doc

Green Day has shared a trailer for the upcoming documentary Heart Like a Hand Grenade, due for release next month.

The film goes behind the scenes to look at the songwriting and recording for the band's Grammy-winning punk rock opera, American Idiot, which launched more than 10 years ago. Heart Like a Hand Grenade will release in select theatres starting on Oct. 15.

AFP

One Direction names their new album

Boy band One Direction has announced that its next album will be called Made in the A.M. and offered up a new track.

The group announced the news via a video on Twitter, also revealing that the track Infinity would be available to those who pre-order the album. Made in the A.M. will be the band's first album recorded without Zayn Malik, who left the band in March. AFP

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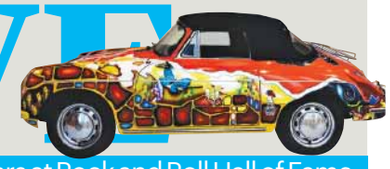

Janis Joplin's psychedelic Porsche to be sold after 20 years at Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

It's time to grow up, family guy

ROAD TESTED

REVIEW

Honda Odyssey a comfy choice for getting the group around

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

There is something honourable and right about abandoning all pretence of your pre-child rearing years, and just rolling with the soccer tournament years. Live in the moment, as they say, and embrace the Pixar flicks, Happy Meals, and temper tantrums at Walmart. And nothing says you're "all in" like the minivan.

If you're ready, the minivan you should seriously consider is the Honda Odyssey. The Odyssey was not the first modern minivan — that's Chrysler's claim to fame. But the Honda version has been developed and tweaked through the years to become a long-standing Canadian favourite, with an undeniable blend of attributes for the money.

This minivan has good bones, with Honda's exemplary 3.5-litre V6 hooked up to a six-speed automatic transmission, and a multi-link rear suspension (not usually found on minivans), which contributes to it being one of the better handling and driving minivans you can buy. It's not in sports car territory, but it hides its weight and bulk well through almost all driving manoeuvres.

Two, stacked information screens dominate the front of the cabin. This allows you to fool around with navigation, for example, while still displaying your stereo information, but it's not anywhere near driver-interface nirvana. The system is not quite intuitive, and there is some lag while you figure out which screen to consult and use, but we're pretty sure that over time familiarity will make it completely OK.

The middle seat in the second row allows for seating up to eight, and when it's not used it can slide a bit, to give rear passengers a bit more elbowroom.

I found the second-row captain chairs came out easily, but went back in less easily. If you often need your minivan for its full "devoid of seats" cargo area, a Chrysler minivan with the Stow 'n Go feature would be the way to go.

But the Odyssey really shines behind those second-row seats. The last row can seat three in relative comfort, and disappears easily and brilliantly to create a huge rear cargo area.

Odyssey is available with forward collision warning and lane departure warning systems, but the safety feature you'll probably get more use of is Honda LaneWatch, which uses a camera mounted on the passenger side mirror to throw an expanded view of that side of the roadway onto the information display.

Other features families will surely appreciate are the temperature controls for all three seating areas and an available rear DVD entertainment system.

It's the full family package, when you're ready to man/woman up.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 HONDA ODYSSEY

THE BASICS

Type. Five-door minivan
Power. 248-hp, 3.5-litre V6
Transmissions. 6-speed automatic
Price. Base $30,250 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- HondaVac in-vehicle vacuum helps keep vehicle tidy
- Two infotainment screens means one function doesn't have to be closed to navigate another
- Honda LaneWatch uses camera on passenger door mirror to expand view of roadways
- Seating for eight, in relative comfort

MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

POINTS

- Current generation model introduced in 2011, with a major facelift in 2014
- Since 2014, hood, front fenders, and front suspension built of aluminum
- Strong seller in a declining minivan market

MARKET POSITION

- Mainstream minivan for families deep in their minivan years
- Premium and powerful V6 engine, with fuel-saving cylinder de-activation technology
- Styled to look, as much as possible, unlike a minivan

THE COMPETITION

Chrysler Town & Country
Base price: $44,195

Kia Sedona
Base price: $27,695

Ford Transit Connect Wagon
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Ford disputes aluminum naysayers

FUEL ECONOMY

Aluminum costlier to fix? Not so, Ford says

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says tests it performed found that repairing body damage on the largely aluminum 2015 Ford F-150 pickup took longer and cost 26 per cent more than for the all-steel 2014 model. Ford said it disagrees with the insurance industry lobby group's conclusions and has been fighting a perception that it costs more to own a vehicle made largely of aluminum since before it started to roll out the 2015 model, weighing about 700 pounds less than its 2014 sibling. The idea of going with aluminum is to save weight to aid fuel economy.

REDESIGN

A sportier, 'delightful' Corolla

It might not be all-out charming, but the redesigned 2015 Toyota Corolla compact is now more than a penny-pinching, trouble-free economy sedan, reports web mag The Car Connection. It is "engaging and interesting in a way the previous-generation Corolla missed." Its no-frills demeanour changed a couple of years ago when Toyota added more technology and flair, vaulting it beyond its reputation "as the blandest of the compact sedan bunch." It now sports the sharper, sportier looks, quieter cabin and in-car technology "that today's small car shoppers expect," and, more than competent, is "actually delightful" at times.

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HOME SERVICE

The EV touted as gas-station freedom

British drivers are being urged to reconsider their approach to vehicle ownership and buy a plug-in electric car. Electric vehicle campaigner Go Ultra Low is leading the charge, pointing out that EV drivers might never have to visit a gas station ever again. "Why should motorists have to go out of their way, regularly spending time at petrol stations, when it is easy to 'refuel' from the comfort of their own home, simply by plugging in an electric car?" asked Go Ultra Low president Hetal Shah. He said 90 per cent of all EV charging already takes place at home, and new infrastructure is constantly coming into use. U.K. EV registrations grew by 14,500 in the first half of 2015.

THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

CONSUMER TRENDS

Better economic times slow fleet age rate

The average age of cars on United States roads reached an all-time high of 11.4 years at the end of 2012, and that record held through the end of 2013. Despite reaching the new high, the rate of increase is beginning to return to "normal," reports industry trade journal Automotive News.

The average fleet age is beginning to plateau "as consumers have recovered from the great recession and have begun buying new vehicles again," said IHS Automotive analyst Mark Seng.

The automotive data house forecasts that the average age of vehicles will hit 11.6 years in 2016, but will not reach 11.7 years until 2018. "Vehicle quality is getting better, and that's driving a longer length of ownership," said Seng.

SOLAR CHARGERS

On the ARC bandwagon

The California Department of Transportation is buying 11 portable EV ARC (Autonomous Renewable Charger) solar-powered electric-vehicle chargers from Envision Solar of San Diego for almost $750,000 US. In July, Envision Solar received a one-year contract, with two one-year extensions, to supply state and local offices and departments with its moveable solar chargers.

HOW IT WORKS

Each solar charger fits inside a regular vehicle parking space and generates enough solar energy each day to power 240 kilometres of EV driving. The system maximizes its exposure to the sun through a tracking system that enables the solar-panel array to follow the sun, generating 18 to 25 per cent more electricity than a fixed unit. Built-in batteries store the free energy, allowing electric vehicles to recharge during the day or night.

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The ins and outs of a transmission

DRIVING FORCE

Best automatic transmission is one the driver doesn't notice

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

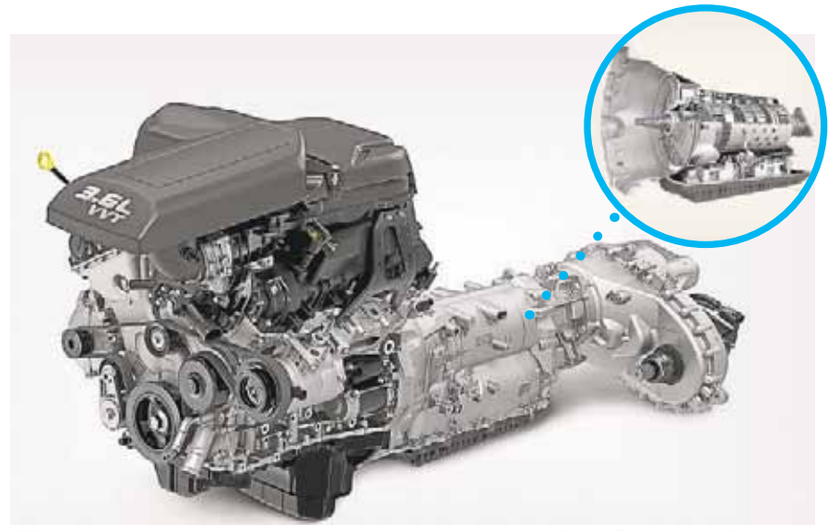
Whenever you put your vehicle in gear, you're engaging a vital link between its engine and its wheels. Whether you have a stick shift or an automatic, you're not going anywhere without a transmission.

"The transmission transfers and multiples the torque from the engine to the driving wheels," says Jeff Lux, vice-president for powertrain transmission at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. "If we only had a shaft between the engine and the wheels, you could only go so fast because the engine has a limit."

Engines make their power when internal pistons move up and down to turn a central crankshaft. Coupled to the transmission, the crankshaft's spinning motion eventually turns the wheels. That motion is measured in revolutions per minute, or r.p.m., the number indicated on the tachometer in the instrument cluster. The crankshaft spins faster on acceleration, while the transmission's lower gears transmit maximum power to get the vehicle moving. On the highway, the transmission's higher gears maintain the vehicle's speed while the crankshaft slows down, which improves fuel economy.

GEARS, ETC.

- Continuously variable transmissions, or CVTs, are automatics that use pulleys and belts instead of gears.
- Automatic transmissions contain oil and filters that should be periodically changed to help ensure a longer lifespan.
- Manual transmissions have gears that slide when the shifter is moved, while automatics use gear sets that turn inside the transmission.



A V6 engine attached to an eight-speed automatic transmission. Inset: The inside of Chrysler's eight-speed automatic transmission. PHOTOS COURTESY FCA

As you slow down or speed up, an automatic transmission selects the best gear to keep the engine at its optimum r.p.m. With a standard transmission, the driver has to pay attention to clues, including the tachometer and the engine's sound, and shift to the appropriate gear.

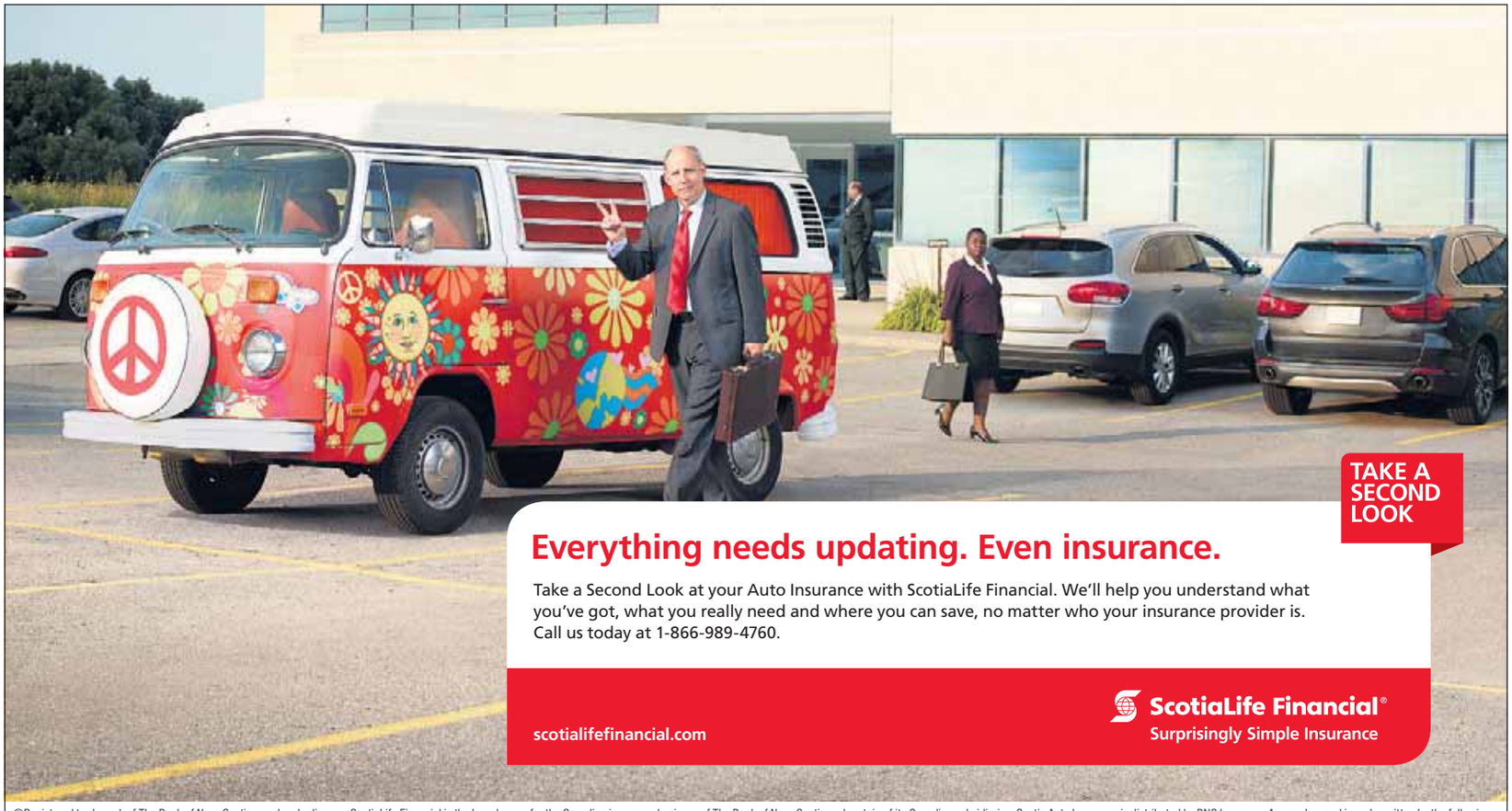
Putting the transmission in Neutral disconnects it from the engine, so that even though the engine is running, no power is being sent to the wheels. The Park position on an automatic actuates a mechanism that locks the park gear and prevents the vehicle from moving.

While some automatic transmissions had only three speeds right into the 1990s, six-speed units are now among the most common, while some of Chrysler's have eight or nine speeds. While a transmission with more gears also tends to shift more often, the engine's speed doesn't rise or fall as dramatically during the gear changes, so the process can feel smoother to the driver.

Chrysler's new automatic transmission has nine speeds.

One drawback is that, on an incline, a transmission with numerous gears may shift too much as it tries to keep the engine in its sweet spot, commonly called "gear hunting." Engineers have to program the transmission's software to try to avoid the problem.

The best automatic transmission, Lux says, is one that's designed so the driver hardly notices what it's doing. "When it's shifting, people want the transmission to work and forget about it," he says. "It's like when your refrigerator is cold and you don't think about it twice."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Toyota FT-1 concept

The FT-1 ("Future Toyota Number One") concept came about as a challenge from company president Akio Toyoda to build a car that's actually exciting, a car not watered down by committees. Interestingly, the FT-1 was built on a computer to be driven within the Gran Turismo 6 video game. Then this concept was built, which will possibly go into production as the Supra. **JEFF MELNYCHUK** WHEELBASE MEDIA

THE RUNDOWN

1 Weighty matters
Long-nose, short-tail design pushes the engine and cabin back to balance out the weight.

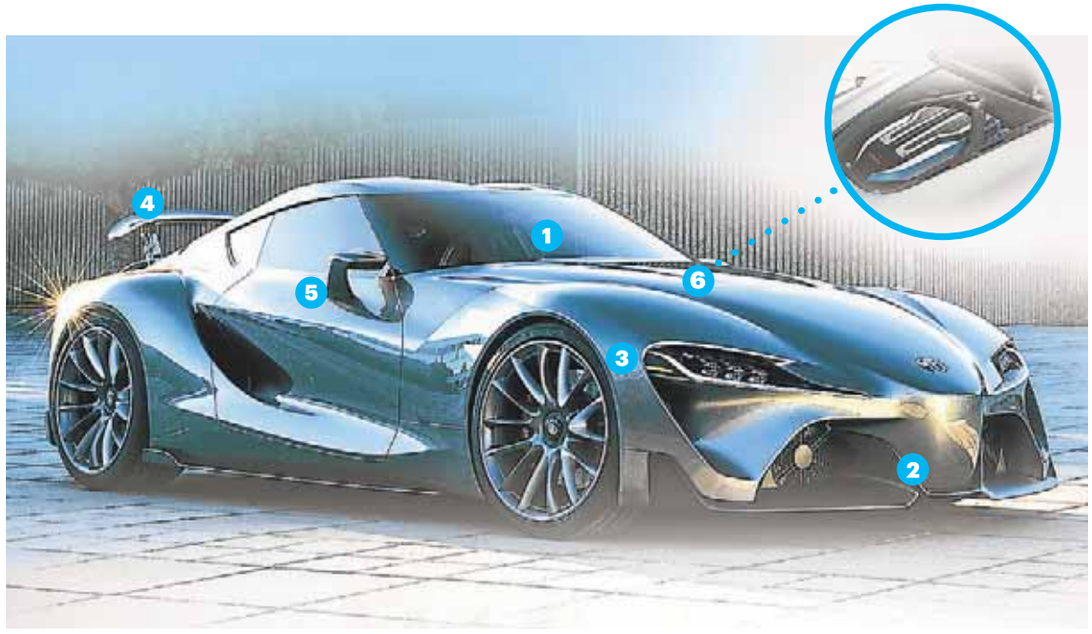
2 FT-1 an F1 fan
The pointy nose and lower air dam pay homage to Formula One race cars. Designed by Toyota's California design studio, Calty.

3 Layout
Front-engine, rear-wheel drive.

4 A lift
Wing raises at speed, just like with the Lexus LFA.

5 Design
Mirrors are only attached at the door.

6 Clear view
See-through hood somehow looks elegant and not junky.



Interior

- The latest iteration of the FT-1, brought out late in 2014, shows an upscale interior dressed in saddle leather, graphite colours and raw metal.
- Absence of a clutch pedal implies only an automatic transmission.

STAY TUNED

As a concept, there are no details on powertrain, features or price, although the FT-1/Supra will likely be a rear-wheel-drive hybrid.

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New car shopping tips

You're doing it. You're buying a new car. One with a big fat "0" on the odometer. There's no one-size-fits-all answer on how to do it, but bearing a few simple tips in mind can help reduce stress and confusion for first-time new car buyers. Here's a closer look. **JUSTIN PRITCHARD**

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1 GET FOCUSED

Don't be this shopper: "I want a hatchback. I want to spend $15,000. I like the grille on this car. Should I get a pickup? I want to spend $27,000. I don't like hatchbacks. What about a sports car?"

Knowing what you need and want is a great way to ensure you wind up with a ride that delivers just that, so shop with focus on the type of vehicle you're after, the sort of features you need, the traits important to you, and a few key competitors to test-drive against one another. Do your research to avoid frustration and wasting time.

2 DON'T RUSH

Deciding to buy a car on your lunch break, or on a Saturday afternoon, could result in your buying a car you don't love.

Plan ahead, take your time, and only visit a dealer for a test-drive when you've got time to do it properly. A test-drive should take half an hour or more, and you may want to test-drive a model more than once. Schedule car-shopping endeavours into your calendar so you can browse, drive and research when you're not rushed.

3 PRIORITIZE

Make a solid, stick-to-it list of features and attributes your new ride needs to have. What's important to you? All-wheel drive? A gigantic cargo area? Heated seats? A long powertrain warranty?

Write down your price limit, as well as your priority features and attributes, to help you stay on course. Go over your list with sales representatives you meet to ensure you're test-driving a model that hits as many marks as possible.

This list is important: Bring it with you, and insist on seeing a model that delivers on the listed items.

4 GET DRIVING

Start with a full check of how you mesh with the vehicle's cabin, systems and functions before you set off. Try the navigation. Pair your phone via Bluetooth. Fold down the rear seats and see if there's enough room for your favourite ladder. The test-drive is fun and informative, but there's more to it than just the driving.

Bring a friend or family member along for the ride, as an extra set of eyes can help pick out things you may not notice.

5 SEAL THE DEAL

Remember that after-sale add-ons usually don't need to be purchased right when you buy, and they're typically designed to grab a few more bucks out of the shopper's already-open wallet. Take information home with you, do some research, and head back to the dealer to purchase any add-ons you determine are worthwhile.

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Former No. 1 draft pick Anthony Bennett and the Timberwolves have agreed on a contract buyout, according to reports

Yanks finish job in extras

MLB

Blue Jays cling to lead of 2-1/2 games in AL East

Greg Bird hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning to power the New York Yankees to a 6-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

With Brian McCann and Slade Heathcott aboard, Bird lined a 2-2 pitch from reliever Mark Lowe over the wall in right field for his 10th homer of the season. Andrew Miller (3-2), who blew a save opportunity in the ninth, gave up a solo homer to Edwin Encarnacion in the 10th before completing the victory.

With the win, New York (83-67) moved 2-1/2 games behind first-place Toronto in the American League East division race. The teams will play the rubber game in the three-game set Wednesday night.

New York has 12 games left to play in the regular season, one more than the Blue Jays.

The sellout crowd of 47,992 got its money's worth with a rollicking back-and-forth affair that had a playoff atmosphere.

Carlos Beltran gave New York a 3-2 lead with a solo shot in the eighth inning but Dioner Navarro answered with a solo homer of his own an inning later. The Blue Jays loaded the bases before Miller struck out Josh Donaldson to force extra innings.

Jacoby Ellsbury led off the game with a double and scored when McCann drove a pitch off the wall for a long single. Alex Rodriguez, who reached on a walk, made it 2-0 after a sacrifice fly by Beltran.

The Yankees put two more runners in scoring position before Blue Jays starter Marco Estrada escaped by striking out Chase Headley.

Kevin Pillar put Toronto on the board in the third inning with a solo shot off New York starter Luis Severino. He belted a 2-2 pitch into the second deck for his 11th homer of the year.

Donaldson worked a leadoff walk in the fourth inning, moved to second base on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Justin Smoak.

Estrada, meanwhile, settled down after his rocky start. He retired 11 batters in a row before issuing a four-pitch walk to Dustin Ackley with one out in the seventh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Didi Gregorius tumbles after tagging out Justin Smoak at second base on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre. Smoak drove in a run on the play. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

TUESDAY **In Toronto**

YANKEES	BLUE JAYS
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TULOWITZKI INJURY UPDATE

Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki played catch Tuesday for the first time since suffering a broken left shoulder blade 10 days ago, but there's still no timetable for his return to the lineup.

"The pain has died down and I feel better each and every day," Tulowitzki said.

Tulowitzki has been sidelined since colliding with teammate Kevin Pillar during the first game of a Sept. 12 doubleheader at Yankee Stadium. His next steps will be to try making throws on the run and resume hitting.

The five-time all-star, who throws and bats right-handed, visited a specialist in Boston last week. He rejoined the team Friday and continues to receive treatment from team trainers.

Double-E tiring the parrot

From The Edwing to walking the parrot, Blue Jays fans are creative in coming up with names for slugger Edwin Encarnacion's home run ritual.

Encarnacion, who sticks out his bent right arm and holds it parallel to the ground as he rounds the bases, appreciates the suggestions.

"If they say I'm walking the parrot, then whatever they say, I'll take it," he said recently.

The "walking the parrot" meme has become popular online, with Toronto baseball fans doctoring photos of him on the basepaths to add a parrot on his arm. Sometimes, appropriately, fans Photoshop a blue jay instead.

264

Encarnacion has a total of 264 big-league homers.

Encarnacion has been doing the so-called Edwing since April 28, 2012, when he hit a grand slam against Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma in Toronto's 7-0 rout of the Mariners.

"When I hit the grand slam I got excited and rounded the bases from the side, turning like an airplane," Encarnacion said. "My teammates liked it and said I should keep doing it so I've kept doing it."

He has hit 142 more home runs since then, including 35 so far this season, and walked the parrot each time.

"If I keep hitting home runs I'm going to keep doing it," said Encarnacion.

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Aaron Sanchez couldn't retire either of the batters he faced on Monday night. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Help on the way to stabilize setup role

Reliever Aaron Sanchez hasn't lost his job as the Toronto Blue Jays' setup man. He'll just have some company in the role.

Manager John Gibbons said the young right-hander was told before Tuesday's game that he may instead be used earlier in the game rather than primarily in his eighth-inning spot. Veterans Mark Lowe and Brett Cecil will join Sanchez in setting up closer Roberto Osuna in the ninth.

"I'm not worried about Sanchez, (he's) fine," Gibbons said. "He's done a tremendous job for us this year, last year, that hasn't changed."

"He is very confident but he's also human. He's in a little rough patch. John Gibbons on Aaron Sanchez

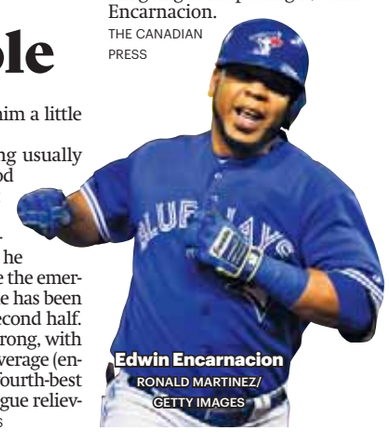
The 23-year-old right-hander had settled into the setup role nicely over the last couple months, but has struggled of late. Sanchez relieved David Price on Monday night against the New York Yankees but lasted only two batters — giving up a leadoff walk and a single — before Gibbons pulled him.

Cecil came on and gave up an RBI single before recording three straight strikeouts to get out of the jam. The Blue Jays won the pivotal game 4-2.

"He's been so good for so long," Gibbons said. "I mean, he's a baby still in the big leagues but he's had some pretty good success in that role. You pick your spots and give him a little breathing room.

"And a good outing usually sets guys up, the good ones — that's all it takes."

Cecil struggled early in the season when he served as closer before the emergence of Osuna, but he has been tremendous in the second half. Lowe has also been strong, with his 1.53 earned-run average (entering play Tuesday) fourth-best among American League relievers. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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One goalie better than two in Babcock's world

NHL

Leafs coach wants Bernier and Reimer to battle for spot

New Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock learned his lesson about goaltenders almost 30 years ago in his first stop at Red Deer College. He split the duties between two goalies all season and into the playoffs, and the team was eliminated in the first round.

"I haven't done that since," Babcock said. "I like one guy to know he's the guy."

The same goes now for Leafs goalies Jonathan Bernier and James Reimer. Babcock wants one of them to grab the starting job and hold onto it, though he characterized it as an open competition.

Bernier, who stopped 28 of 29 shots in his pre-season debut against the Ottawa Senators on Monday night, is still the best bet to be the No. 1 goaltender. But no matter who wins the job, minding goal for the Leafs should be simpler this season.

That's because Babcock believes defenders should take care of back-door plays and other situations that make goaltenders have to guess. He wants the goalie to have a good idea where shots are coming from.

"They're trying to eliminate maybe some of the grey areas and just give guys that structure and preparation," Reimer said. "Guys are going to have their jobs of where they're supposed to be and who they're supposed to be taking, and as a goalie you can just focus on the puck and the shooter and know that your teammates, they've got their responsibilities and all you have to worry about it yours."

Toronto Maple Leafs' Scott Harrington, right, is topped by Montreal Canadiens' Jeff Petry in Tuesday's pre-season game. Jake Gardiner scored in OT to give the Leafs a 2-1 win over the Habs, with William Nylander getting Toronto's other goal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Reimer said his job is just to stop the puck. In previous years it wasn't that easy.

Especially last season, the Leafs' defence struggled in front of Bernier and Reimer, opening them up to look worse than they were actually playing. As his teammates transition to Babcock's system, Bernier is trying to do a better job of trusting them.

"They really want me to just hold my spot and not worry about the back door, so it has been an adjustment for me," Bernier said. "Obviously, sometimes you don't trust — you need some trust into it and we need to keep working at it, but they really want me to challenge the shooter and be square to them."

> **I like one guy to know he's the guy.**
> Leafs coach Mike Babcock

Sounds pretty easy for two veteran goalies who are going into their third season as a tandem in Toronto. But with more structure in front of them, the onus is also on Bernier and Reimer to prove they belong.

Bernier is beginning a new US$8.3-million, two-year contract, and Reimer is in the last of a two-year deal that counts $2.3 million against the cap. Babcock has shown in his time with the Detroit Red Wings that he cares more about who plays the best than who has the bigger salary, which makes this more of a true competition than it had been in the past. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Robert Lewandowski broke several Bundesliga records with his feat and put Munich back on top. CHRISTOF STACHE/ AFP PHOTO

BUNDESLIGA

Lewandowski hits 5 goals in 9 minutes

Substitute Robert Lewandowski scored five goals in the space of nine minutes as Bayern Munich came from behind to rout Wolfsburg 5-1 and move top of the Bundesliga on Tuesday.

Daniel Caligiuri fired the visitors ahead in the 27th, leaving Bayern 1-0 down at the break for the third time in six games this season.

But Lewandowski came on for the second half and equalized in the 51st, put Bayern ahead a minute later, and completed his hat trick three minutes after that, when he hit the post, then the goalkeeper and kept going till he scored.

Still he wasn't done.

The Poland striker scored again in the 57th and claimed another three minutes after that, when he met Mario Goetze's cross with a spectacular scissor kick into the top corner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Griezmann double puts Atletico top of La Liga

Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann struck two goals for a 2-0 win against crosstown rival Getafe on Tuesday, helping his side take the overnight lead of the Spanish league.

Espanyol also beat Valencia 1-0 thanks to Victor Alvarez's 18th-minute header. Barcelona can reclaim the lead at Celta Vigo on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Balotelli ends goal drought as AC Milan edge Udinese

Mario Balotelli snapped a scoring slump with a beautiful free kick and AC Milan held on for a 3-2 win over Udinese in Serie A on Tuesday.

Starting for the first time since rejoining Milan on loan after a dismal season at Liverpool, Balotelli curled the ball into the top corner after five minutes and let out a rare celebratory smile. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TFC's MVP candidate Sebastian Giovinco has been the driving force behind the team this season. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLS

Playoffs finally in TFC's grasp after past woes

With five games remaining, Toronto FC finds itself battling history as well as rivals on the pitch in its bid to make the MLS playoffs for the first time ever.

Entering its ninth season in the league, Toronto's career record was 62-120-74. The club was on its ninth manager, had won just 18 of 128 all-time road games and was running out of ways to appease its long-suffering fan base.

The club's year-by-year finishes is a string of consistently high numbers: 7, 7, 5, 5, 8, 10, 9, 7.

Jermain Defoe, the club's 2014 saviour, was a 2015 bad memory after opting to return to England.

Today, Toronto (12-13-4) stands fifth in the Eastern Conference and has a four-point edge over the Montreal Impact, who hold down the sixth and last playoff spot. And Italian star Sebastian Giovinco, the new saviour, is on MVP pace.

Coach Greg Vanney's team would seem to have its playoff fate in its own hands.

While the Impact (10-11-16) have two games in hand on Toronto, TFC has the next four games at home — starting Saturday against the underachieving Chicago Fire — before wrapping up the regular season in Montreal.

> **We know we're going to be successful. And that time is coming for us.**
> TFC coach Greg Vanney

But ask Vanney if Toronto is saddled with the weight of its history more than other clubs are, the answer is an immediate "Yes."

"The history of this club is one that hasn't been as positive as a lot of people hoped," Vanney said after practice Tuesday. "So it carries that burden of getting over the hump, if you will. It's been a big hump that's been years in the making. We want to get everyone behind us. We know we're going to be successful. And that time is coming for us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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This is Gena Hamshaw's most popular recipe from her Food52 Vegan cookbook. It's easy and adaptable. Be warned: These are very soft, not baked and crisp, so may crumble depending on your ingredients (brown rice syrup seems to bind better than agave). Just cut them smaller if they do.

Yield: 10 large bars or 20 small squares.

Ingredients

- 2-1/2 cups large-flake oats or quick oats
- 1 cup pepitas (raw green pumpkin seeds)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup almond butter or peanut butter
- 1/2 cup agave nectar or brown rice syrup, plus more as needed
- Pinch fine sea salt (optional depending on nut butter)

Directions

1. Line an 8-inch square pan with parchment, foil or plastic wrap with enough to cover and hang over sides for easy lifting.

2. In large bowl, stir together oats, pepitas and raisins.

3. In medium bowl, stir together almond or peanut butter, 1/2 cup agave or brown rice syrup and salt if desired. Add to oat mixture; stir until sticky and well combined. If it's too dry to hold together, add a bit more syrup.

3. Spread mixture in prepared pan. Cover with parchment/foil/plastic overhang; press firmly to form an even layer. Refrigerate at least 4 hours to help firm up.

3. Remove from pan and transfer to cutting board. Use long, sharp knife, cut into 10 bars or 20 squares. Wrap individually in plastic. Refrigerate up to 2 weeks.

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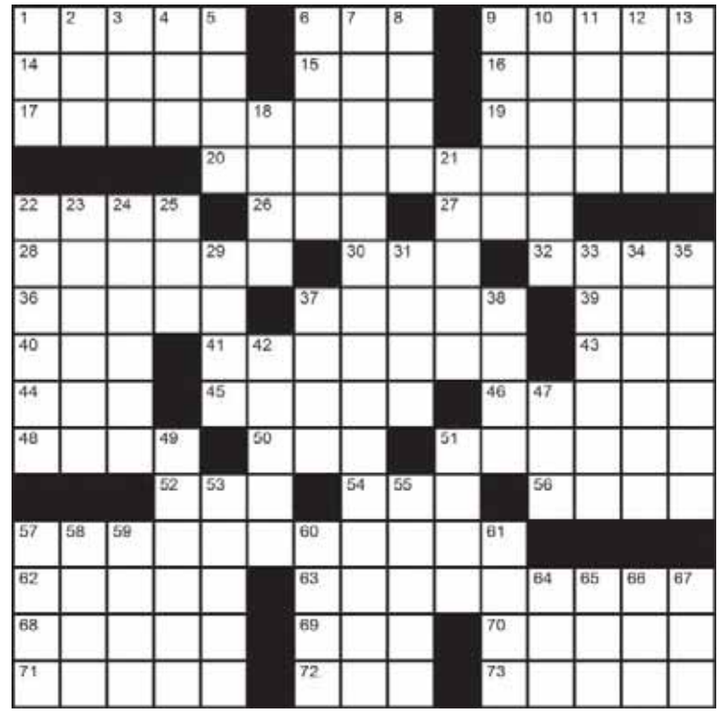

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15. Mr. Dykstra
16. Jeweller's eye piece
17. In-depth analysis: 2 wds.
19. Tim of "Home Improvement"
20. Detail regarding the weave of bed sheets: 2 wds.
22. Turkish title, variantly
26. Medit. land
27. Andy Capp cartoonist Mr. Smythe
28. Decorates the cake in a way
30. "Where the Boys _": 1961 Connie Francis hit
32. Long-haired mountain animals
36. Gravy globs
37. Handle
39. Mythical bird
40. Music honour, e.g.
41. Swiftly, in music
43. The Who's "Love, Reign _ Me"
44. Car advertisement fig.
45. Curls
46. Region's animal life
48. Looked
50. Alphabet's 25th letter, spelled-out
51. Meower attractor
52. Meadowlands mother
54. "Fortunate Son" gr.
56. Cliff's scary part
57. _ Street Village National Historic Site of Canada (Mennonite settlement in southern Manitoba founded in 1876)
62. Ironworker's block
63. Ferocious female felines
68. Tragically Hip song that goes "Lava flowing in Superfarmer's direction..."
69. Salutes from Rocky
70. Sly shrewdness
71. 2015/09/23's one-of-two
72. Compass dir.
73. _ nerve (Eyeball attachment)

DOWN

1. Hamilton university, familiarly
2. 'Spat' suffix (Flapjacks flipper)
3. 'My' in Quebec, plurally
4. _ _ _ Systems (U.K. defence contractor)
5. "The Pride _ _. Louis" (1952)
6. Smudges
7. Harper-Mulcair-Trudeau... Voting for it takes place October 19th, 2015: 2 wds.
8. 1944: Dragonwyck author, _ Seton
9. Locale
10. The study of birds' eggs
11. Humdinger
12. Welcoming
13. Faxed
18. 1982 Roxy Music tune: "More Than _"
21. Gloom, in verse
22. On fire: wds.
23. In an irritable mood
24. Tribute
25. Egyptian cobra
29. Russian ruler
31. Fiendishly 'fixes
33. Daft Punk's "_ the World"
34. Walter _ (Chekov on "Star Trek")
35. Abrade
37. Friendly nation
38. Chesterfield
42. Bring down
47. Banqueted
49. Credits opposites
51. _-Raspberry (Ocean Spray flavour)
53. Language in Prince Charles' realm
55. Made a pick
57. Siestas
58. Organic compound
59. Iris' place
60. Elinor _ (British romance novelist)
61. Toy blocks brand
64. "How's it going?", fun-style
65. Don't stand
66. Yalie
67. Li'l bit of "60 Minutes"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
It may at times seem as if everything you do is dictated by other people. But even if that is true it does not mean that things won't work out in your favour. Go with the flow.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Certain habits and routines are past their sell-by date and must be replaced. The Sun's change of signs will make it easy for you to get rid of the old and bring in the new.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be eager to change things for the better and that's good. The planets indicate that whatever you start now will result in major gains for you over the coming six months. Lady Luck is on your side.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You need to make sure that the real foundation of your existence — your home and your family life — is built on solid ground. There are some major challenges coming and you won't want to face them alone.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Loved ones will know what you are thinking without being told. You will come up with some wonderful ideas about how to improve your life between now and the end of the week.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an important time for money and business. Decisions you take over now will set the scene for months to come. Once financially secure your options will increase.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun's move into your sign today makes all things possible. It will give new life to a project or quest and if you reach for your highest ideal you will make the kind of difference that changes the world for the better.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be a bit more cautious than usual but that's okay. A lot depends on how much faith you have in your own abilities; believe there is a higher power guiding your actions.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to get along with other people now, because you will only achieve what you hope to achieve if you join forces with those who share your aims and ambitions.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you want to get on in the world, to make your mark in some way, now is the time to get serious about it. Your professional reputation is sure to rise but you must be prepared to step into the spotlight.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are under no obligation to explain your actions to anyone, no matter what their position may be. No one commands an Aquarius.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Help will arrive when you need it over the next few days, but it might arrive quicker if you were not so determined to suffer in silence. Also, where finances are concerned a long-term plan is a must.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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See your dealer for complete details. **Cash Purchase Price** for the new 2015 Soul 1.6L LX MT (SO55IF)/2015 Optima LX AT (OP74IF)/2015 Optima Hybrid LX (OP74AF) is $14,244/$20,714/$24,764 and includes a cash discount of $4,500 including $750 Celebration Bonus△)/$5,750 including $750 Celebration Bonus△)/$7,000 including $6,000 cash discount and $1,000 ECO credit. Dealer may sell for less. Other taxes, registration, insurance and licensing fees are excluded. Cash discounts vary by model and trim and are deducted from the negotiated selling price before taxes. **Representative Leasing Example**: Lease offer available on approved credit (OAC), on new 2016 Sorento 2.4L LX FWD (SR75AG) with a selling price of $29,344 is based on monthly payments of $280 for 60 months at 1.9%, with $0 security deposit, $2,150 down payment and $750 Celebration Bonus△ and first monthly payment due at lease inception. 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